

LYNDSAY ELLIS @
THE VALE FUNERAL SERVICE

FOR A
PROFESSIONAL
& PERSONAL
SERVICE
Tel: 01446
407962
www.valefuneralservice.co.uk

The Barry & Penarth GEM



"Your ORIGINAL priceless
weekly newspaper"

The Vale's
longest serving
Community
Newspaper

Established 1983



All aspects of
Electrical work
Undertaken

Domestic &
Commercial
For all Enquiries Call
08000 355958

Weekly audited distribution (51 weeks) to 31/12/15 - 45,489
(GEM Series). Audited by David Pinder & Co Ltd. Chartered Accountants.

www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk

THURSDAY MARCH 16TH, 2017

**Business is Booming on
Bridgend's Industrial Estates**
Professionals - Just a stone's throw away

CARDIFF ROAD, BARRY INDUSTRIAL ESTATES
More than meets the eye!

100th birthday celebrations for wartime worker Marjorie



Marjorie Sutton with her birthday
cards, including one from the Queen.

FRIENDS and family gathered round last week to help Barry resident Marjorie Sutton, of Lidmore Road, celebrate her 100th birthday.

A weekend of celebrations was organised by her daughter, Margaret Everson, to commemorate the impressive milestone.

During World War Two, Mrs Sutton was among thousands of workers engaged in building navigation systems for the Halifax bombers at the Handley Page factory, and other vital wartime work.

Attending the celebrations was Vale MP Alun Cairns, who commented: "It was truly fascinating to listen to Marjorie speak of her work during the Second World War. The social change which this lady has seen is remarkable - I could have chatted to her all day!"

Isaac hopes to get Apple invite after creating new maths app

A Penarth schoolboy has devised a highly creative revision product which he hopes will get him an invite to Apple's World Wide Developers Conference event.

Isaac Chrysostom's creation is already available on the App Store.

Isaac (14) who attends St Cyres School in Penarth and lives in Barry, started coding when he was just 10, by learning HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

He explained: "These are coding languages used to make websites, and I learnt them through the help of books."

"I slowly moved on to more advanced programming languages such as Java and Python."

"Eventually, I decided to begin making iOS apps, and that led me to make the app 'MathsRobot LearnMaths', which is now available on the App Store."

Isaac's app was inspired by his dislike of studying from textbooks.

"The ultimate reason I made this app was because I studied GCSE higher maths when I was only 11, but although I am now very good at maths, I did not like the way I studied - reading a massive book filled with hundreds of pages of questions and test papers."

So Isaac set out to make maths more accessible and entertaining.

"The goal of my app is to make revision easier, and maybe even add an element of fun to it."

by **TIM
CHAPMAN**



Isaac Chrysostom

"My app features many of the topics from that book, and the magic of that is you can simply fit it in your pocket."

"I have also added revision tools, such as multiple choice tests, smart recommendations for study, and a points system which rewards

users for studying by giving them a higher rank on the leaderboard."

"I am also working on an update to this app which will have many new tools for revision; and I am hoping that the update gets me a scholarship for Apple's World Wide Developers Conference event."

To win a scholarship, apps must use Apple's technologies in a creative way.

"I am hoping that all the code that I put into this app will eventually pay off. In the future, I want to pursue a career in computer programming."

Isaac's headteacher, Dr Jonathan Hicks, said the app had the potential to help many youngsters, keen to improve their understanding of mathematics.

(CONTINUED
ON PAGE 3)



Kay Clarke and fellow WASPIs took to the London streets dressed as Suffragettes, and are pictured at the statue of Emmeline Pankhurst. (SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 7)

INSTALL

Integrated Skips LTD

We will not be beaten on any written quotation for the Barry area.



- All sizes available
- Delivered & Collected
- Waste Collection Service
- Free surveys and estimates
- Labour hire to load your skip
- Grab hire & Plant hire
- 95% of our waste is recycled
- Domestic & Commercial
- Council/highway permits arranged
- Roll On Roll Off 15-50 Yards



Unit 12F, Atlantic Trading Estate,
Barry CF63 3RF. Tel: 01446 421072
Email: installskips@hotmail.com



Waste Carrier Number
CB/LE5004GH



SCOTTWROE HEARING
MICROSUCTION EARWAX AND INDEPENDENT HEARING CLINIC




Fully equipped earwax removal clinic

Fully equipped audiological suite

Scott Wroe Hearing & Ear Care Clinic
10 Royal Buildings, Penarth CF64 3ED
Telephone 02920 707760
www.scottwroe-hearingcentre.co.uk

Ogam Igam



Canvas for kids
Sneakers for women

www.ogamigam.com

10 Royal Buildings, Penarth CF64 3ED corner of Station Approach, by the station

Incinerator implications

REGARDING the premature construction of the controversial incinerator on the Barry Waterfront: whose lunatic idea was it to site it so close, not only to long-established homes, but also to the thousands of new homes in the docks redevelopment?

As I understand it, the wood chippings to be incinerated are not just going to be 'clean', untreated wood, but will have been treated with paint, adhesives, preservatives, and other chemical coatings.

Do we have full details of the proposed equipment and measures being used to prevent air

pollution and particulate fallout? What about PM 2.5s (particles of 2.5 microns and less) which can be absorbed into the bloodstream through the lungs?

There are 12 schools within a kilometre radius of the site – the immediate fallout zone – where growing children could be affected with who-knows-what health problems later in life.

Has the council's air pollution team given this due consideration? If so, what were their conclusions?

I note that the planning application has been turned down in the past, so it seems cavalier of Biomass to be at the construction stage now without permission.

Andy Griffiths,
Independent candidate,
Cardiff ward.

'When it comes to cancer treatment, trust the experts'

I WAS glad to read the recent article in The GEM by Sarah Greene, headlined 'Make a noise and save lives', concerning ovarian cancer.

My 51-year-old daughter complained of what she thought was a water infection that did not seem to clear – her tummy was bloated and uncomfortable.

Her GP sent her for an ultra sound and within days she was in the Heath, having major surgery to remove a tumour.

Then it was planned that she should receive chemotherapy to kill any cells remaining. Velindre told her that she was

treatable, but not curable.

Please be warned that there are individuals and organisations out there professing to know better than the medical professionals.

Please listen to the people who have been properly trained, and take only prescribed medications from the experts.

Cancer may be cured in the future – to stay alive is the answer. Polio and TB were eventually eradicated and cancer will follow, hopefully.

My daughter Carolyn died three months after her operation. She chose not to have chemotherapy. **Mrs Lilian Gatt, Barry**

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: **The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk**

• Letters and e-mails MUST include your FULL address and a contact telephone number.

An email address alone is not sufficient!

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.

LACK OF FORESIGHT BY HOUSE BUILDERS 'Give small developers a chance in the Vale'

FURTHER to the recent letter headed 'Smaller Vale villages have been urbanised', contrary to the obvious desire of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the issue of new builds in the Vale will not go away.

It has been documented that the target of circa 10,000 new homes was well in excess of the need for housing, putting it at as much as half that amount. I've seen various objections to the new developments.

Unfortunately, until people start seeing these developments go up and the impact they will have on the Vale as a whole, the council will probably continue to build, but then it will be too late.

Little more than 100 years ago, the Roath area in Cardiff was farmland. It resembled in character Llantwit Major, a village grown up around a manor house and church. Then came the industrial revolution and the expansion of Cardiff docks and first grand houses were built for wealthy businessmen, (many of these are now demolished), then more housing was built for the growing number of people coming to work in Cardiff.

The roads in the Roath area were originally built

for trams. Now you can drive through many areas of Cardiff, such as Riverside, Splott and Canton and not see a single tree on many of the streets.

Is this the fate in store for the Vale? Many of the new developments are on green belt land, something which the council seems to have conveniently overlooked, even though the Government has now issued a housing White Paper to protect forests and ancient woodland.

Gavin Barwell, Minister of State for Housing, Planning and London, recently stated in an interview: "We are not going to weaken the protections. We have a clear manifesto commitment. There is no need to take huge tracts of land out of the green belt to solve the housing crisis."

This is not a NIMBY response to housing in the Vale. It's a long-term approach. We do need affordable housing, but not in the way the council is going about it. I quote a letter to The GEM in 2015: 'The proposer is often a UK housing developer with vast financial resources.' Taylor Wimpey and Redrow are large developers.

If we need housing in the Vale, why not allow smaller developers the chance? There are many innovative architects in the UK who would jump at the chance to design a new estate. Houses have been built underground, around trees, as tree houses and above the ground altogether.

Large developers and councils have shown a distinct lack of imagination and foresight.

Surely if we are thinking of town and country planning, we need to include provision for renewable energy? Are there any plans for solar panels and small wind turbines to be fitted to these houses? On this amount of housing, surely this would ease the burden on the countryside of large solar farms.

I'm glad that there are still objections being raised to these developments, because if we don't object, could we one day be living in the vast metropolis that is Cardiff and Bridgend combined? **Mrs Annmarie Kane, Llantwit Major.**

Praise for the Welsh NHS

FOLLOWING my 10-day stay at the Bridgend Hospital, I would like to thank all those involved in my case – Dr Simpson GP, who was spot-on in his diagnosis, and swift to get me into the acute medical unit; all the staff in AMU, Dr Housnel in the ophthalmology department, all the staff on Ward 11, Red bay, and Dr Martin and his team.

We hear such negatives re our NHS, but at my point of need at home and while in Bridgend, that was fully met in every aspect, and I should like to acknowledge that publicly. **G Vaughan, Llantwit Major.**

The T9 bus saga deserves response

WITH reference to last week's letter headed 'When will Cardiff Airport stop being used as a political football?' – I was shocked by the T9 saga, which is blatantly against teenagers and over-60s.

A very good point was made about the difference in air passenger tax – cheaper flights is the reason most people in Wales opt to fly from Bristol, rather than Cardiff, plus expensive parking. The figures quoted of £800,000 fares suggest someone is making a profit, so why subsidise to the tune of almost half a million?

I commute to Cardiff to work and must use

my car most days, because there is no suitable bus – with the 91 bus finishing too early. How about a compromise?

Reduce the T9 to every half hour, instead of 20 minutes, and make it limited stop at Culverhouse, Wenvoe, Cwm Ciddy and airport hotel, with Vale residents allowed to use the service (I was recently denied travel from Cardiff because I wanted to get off at Tesco Barry to catch the Nat 303 service).

When Roger Lewis took over at Cardiff Airport I expected him to sort out things like this; he has always turned things round in previous challenges and the amount of public feeling about the T9 deserves a definitive response from the top. **Dai Griffiths, Llantwit Major.**

'Act now to save Penarth Pier cinema'

IT is extremely unfair on local people that patrons of the Pier Cinema should suffer the

consequences of Penarth Arts and Crafts and the Pier Pavilion facing financial challenges.

I strongly feel we should act now before it is too late.

Where a crisis of this nature occurs in other towns, and even villages, the people get together and start a community cinema by taking over care and control of the existing premises.

This is a simple process with lots of free

guidance available from the British Film Institute and their non-profit making distribution channel 'Cinema for All'.

The cinema may be taken over, and run entirely by, community volunteers – as a cooperative or other mutual ownership structure. Start-up grants may be available.

Should you share these concerns and would like to volunteer to help save your cinema, you would be most welcome at an informal open meeting at the Pilot Pub Restaurant at 7.30pm on Monday, March 20. **Philip Rapier,** Penarth Town Councillor.

'Thanks for support over new junction'

I SHOULD like to thank all those involved with the creation of the new junction on the A4055 Barry Road and Cross Common Road junction.

I began the campaign in 2001 and mainly due to 'cost pressures' it has taken that long to achieve!

I would particularly like to thank the Garland and Joyce families for their continued efforts over so many years to alleviate the flood risk at properties in the vicinity, by helping me to put pressure on the Vale of

Glamorgan Council, the Environment Agency, (now NRW), Welsh Water, and other stakeholders, to remove the ancient bridge (to be removed) which causes floodwater retention leading to increased flood risk; and to create the new junction.

I believe that the junction still needs extra lighting and warning signs along the A4055 but I am liaising with the Highways Department on these matters. **Christopher Williams,** elected member Democratic Services, Vale of Glamorgan Council.

'Fantastic response' to Navy reunion call

I DOUBT very much if the reader who only writes the occasional 'Letter to the Editor' realises just how well read that letter will be.

Local newspapers around the country, including The GEM, recently printed a letter of mine about those who have served in the Royal Navy trying to find their old shipmates.

The response has been fantastic; there are now more than 40 Royal Navy reunion weekends organised around the country.

For those who are seeking the camaraderie of the past, the reunions are listed on the RN Shipmates web site,

www.rnshipmates.co.uk and if your readers want to get in touch and start a search, the contact is there.

For those not on email, drop a line to: Mike Crowe, 7 Heath Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8PG and I will send you a list and details. Please enclose a stamp on its own backing paper.

Typical are the HMS Cavalier Association reunion, the Field Gunners, HMS Illustrious Association, along with HMS Ark Royal, HMS Collingwood, HMS Loch Fada and, of course, the RN Shipmates reunion itself, for those without an Association – and many many more. **Mike Crowe,** Isle of Wight.

W JAMES & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS

FONMON, RHOOSE, NEAR BARRY
ESTABLISHED 1860

Independent family business with 24 hours personal service covering Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan

PRIVATE CHAPEL OF REST

Tel Rhooose
(01446) 710096

The Glamorgan GEM • Contact us...

Tel: 01446 774484 • Fax: 01446 774108

FACEBOOK: GlamorganGEM / TWITTER: gem_news • sport_gem

News Submissions: editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Editor Don John: don.john@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Tim Chapman tim.chapman@glamorgan-gem.co.uk / TWITTER @TimGlamGEM

Philip Irwin philip.irwin@glamorgan-gem.co.uk / TWITTER @PhilipGlamGEM

Advertising/Distribution/Classified/Notices: sales@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Sales Manager: jan.irving@glamorgan-gem.co.uk • Sales: wendy.snatchfold@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

vanessa.james@glamorgan-gem.co.uk • aimee.wilson@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Published by: Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL. Printed by TMP, Cardiff CF24 5HJ



We abide by the code of practice upheld by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). This contains provisions for issues such as accuracy.

If you have a complaint, write to us at the address below, left, or call editorial manager Don John on 01446 774484. All complaints will be fully investigated. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, you may wish to contact IPSO, Gate House, 1 Farringdon Street, London EC4M 7LG Website: www.ipso.co.uk. Tel: 0300 123 2220. E-Mail: complaints@ipso.co.uk. Enquiries: inquiries@ipso.co.uk.

State-of-the-art health centre for Sully?

SULLY councillor Bob Penrose and local resident Richard Thomas have a vision for a new community health centre to be built on the Glebe Field, South Road, and told The GEM they have undertaken provisional plans for the project.

The plans have now been considered by the 'Saving Sully' residents' group and received the group's support.

Coun Penrose explained: "Ideally the plans will be for a 'state of the art' health centre which will incorporate a GP surgery, nurse clinic, dentist, optician, chiropodist, and pharmacy as well as clinics for dementia, reflexology, the physiotherapy, along

with consulting rooms for private medical clinicians.

"In addition to the health centre there would be a 100-space car park, which would also facilitate parking for the nearby church and the Old School Rooms.

"Road access to the site is anticipated to be via Hayes Road, at the existing junction servicing Beechwood College and the Old Scout Hut, with pedestrian access via South Road, where there is already a conveniently sited bus stop.

"Formal approaches have already been made to the Welsh Church Estate Act committee for the lease or purchase of the land at the Glebe Field.

"Next, there are plans to approach Welsh Government, Cardiff and Vale Health Board, the local authority and the

Lottery Commission with regard to funding the proposed scheme.

"It is anticipated that the time schedule for the completion of the project would be three years, but it is agreed that it will be worth it for this valuable community asset."

Sully independent Councillor Kevin Mahoney commented: "I have voiced my opinion for some time now that Sully deserves a comprehensive all-encompassing health, dentistry and associated community wellbeing centre of this nature especially with the expected expansion of the village.

"As a member of the Welsh Church Estate Act committee who administers the Glebe Field, I am prevented from commenting at this time on the suitability of the Glebe Field as a site for such a project.

"If I did, I may lose my vote under the rule of 'pre-determination' upon such a proposal being debated and must wait for this to appear on the agenda to then voice my opinion to the committee."

'Lovely to know there are such kind people'

A Barry woman has contacted The GEM to say a 'big thank you' to a mystery couple who helped her disabled father.

Katalin Naray said: "I want to thank the young couple who helped my disabled father on Holton Road on Saturday, March 4.

"My father asked the man to get him a taxi which he did by running up past the Windsor pub.

"My father asked the lady if she could get a birthday card for his daughter from the Post Office opposite Iceland where he was standing.

"She did as he requested and refused to take any money.

"The taxi came for my dad and brought him home."

Katalin added: "Thank you both again for your kind help. It is lovely to know there are such kind people in Barry."

Isaac's app dream

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Dr Hicks continued: "As the only 'Apple Distinguished School' in Wales, all our pupils use iPads in the most innovative and creative ways as part of their day-to-day learning.

"Isaac has taken this to the next level by creating this fantastic maths app which has benefitted both his understanding of maths and has the potential to help many other pupils."

The app's website is learnmaths.mathsrobot.com

Work under way on new Salisbury Road play area

LAST Saturday children, parents and local councillors visited the site of the new play area behind Salisbury Road to see how work is progressing.

Residents had asked for an existing play area in the park to be replaced; it had entertained children for decades but is now worn out.

The new play area, named 'Forest Community Park' will be larger with a bigger range of play equipment as well as seating, and in a new location that is more visible for supervision.

The Vale Council has provided funding of £70,000 for the new play area which has been planned and developed by local councillors with the help of parents and children from the area.

The 'West End Play Association' was set up during the planning stage of the play area and to provide support in the future.

Rachel Zeraschi, the play association



secretary, said: "I am thrilled to see the parks taking shape. It has been very important to us that the West End of Barry had improved play facilities and these wonderful parks will be great assets to the community.

"I hope that they will be loved and looked after by the families in this area and I'm really looking forward to bring my own children here!

"Forest Community Park has a new name and new play equipment and feels like a very special place to me."

"The play area at Salisbury Road is one of three new play

areas in the Iltyd area of Barry which will all be finished during Spring 2017.

"The other play areas are at Peterswell Road and St. Lythan's Road."

Coun John Drysdale added: "These new play areas are part of a revitalisation of children's play across the Vale which the Vale Council has initiated and carried out.

"Alongside the new play equipment, programmes of play schemes will be run during school holidays to engage children and parents in a range of activities."

Police clampdown on Barry takeaways

REVELLERS in Barry are being urged not to wait until the clubs are closed to buy their late-night snacks, following a police clampdown on takeaway premises breaching their licensing conditions.

After it became apparent that a number of outlets on Broad Street were continuing to serve customers after their closing time (2am),

officers wrote to business owners to remind them of the terms of their licence.

Along with partners at the Vale Council and HMIC, South Wales Police will be carrying out a check of venues over the coming months to ensure they are complying with the correct closing times.

Those found breaching the terms will face legal action, and face being fined up to £20,000, six months' imprisonment, or both.

Licensing officer, PC Jason Young, said: "We have written to the food outlets on Broad Street and High Street to remind them of their responsibilities and the conditions of their licences.

"They should be under no illusion that we will enforce these conditions and that those found breaching them will face legal action.

"It is not our intention to spoil the fun of those out socialising in Barry, however business owners and revellers should be mindful of those residents living in the area.

"Premises' licences come with conditions for good reason, and we are committed to working with our partners to ensure that these are adhered to, in order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone concerned."

Open 6 days a week.
5pm - 11pm
Closed Tuesdays

papadam

Taste the unique authentic flavours of traditional classic Indian dishes

PAPADAM SPECIALS

Shagorana Bhuna.....£6.20
Chicken tikka, lamb tikka and sheep kebabs with garlic & chilli sauce in thick fairly hot sauce
Chicken Kohlapuri.....£5.90
Hot and spicy chicken with turmeric, cumin, coriander and green chillies
South Indian Mustard Chilli Chicken (Hot).....£5.90
Barbecued pieces of chicken with fresh garlic, mustard, chilli sauce served with crisp red chillies
Chicken or Lamb Goan.....£5.90
Tandoori baked chicken tikka in a blend of exotic spices and fresh chillies
Chicken or Lamb Chilli.....£5.90
Boneless chicken with fresh ginger a touch of garlic and green chilli
Sabzee Gosh.....£5.90
Lamb cooked with vegetables in a thick spicy bhuna sauce
Achari Murg.....£5.90
Chicken cooked with mix pickle in a thick sauce
Murghi Massala.....£5.90
Chicken cooked with mince meat in a thick rich sauce
Saag Gosh.....£5.90
Chicken Rhan.....£5.90
Rich with herbs & spices in a thick sauce with grilled tomato
Madhu Murg.....£5.90
Mild curry cooked with honey
Captain Pathila (medium or hot).....£5.90
Strips of chicken with very special herbs & spices including coriander, mint, garlic & yoghurt in a rich tangy sauce.
South Indian Lal Mas (Lamb).....£5.95
Fairly hot with chopped green chillies

SELECTION OF POPULAR DISHES

Chicken Tikka.....£5.95
Anarkali.....£5.95
Sweet and hot
Naga Chilli Masala.....£5.95
Chicken tikka with Mr Naga and chilli sauce madras hot
Bombay Bahar.....£6.20
Lamb tikka, chicken tikka with potato, garlic and chilli sauce (fairly hot)
Bombay Karela.....£6.20
Chicken tikka, lamb tikka, green beans, pepper and green chilli (Madras hot)
Spicy Chicken Tikka (Starter).....£2.90
Special Biryani.....£7.50
Papadam Special Biryani.....£7.50
Paneer Pasanda.....£5.00
Chicken Kurma, Madras or Vindaloo.....£5.90
Shatkor Chicken or Lamb.....£5.90
Famous Bangladeshi taste of citrus flavour medium dish
Peri Peri Chicken.....£5.90
Chicken and Lamb cooked with special peri sauce
Butter Chicken.....£5.90
Supreme.....£5.90
Boneless chicken cooked with spices, herbs and butter with special sauce
Chicken Kurma, Madras or Vindaloo.....£4.90
Chicken Bhuna, Dhansak or Rogan.....£4.90
Chicken Dupiaza, Chana or Saag.....£4.90

Free delivery.
Min order £10
Barry area.
Other areas £1 charge.

Happy Mothers Day

SPECIAL OFFER
Valid Friday 24th, Sat 25th & Sunday 26th March

Mothers Day Set Meal
2 starters, 1 side dish,
2 main dishes, 2 pilau rice,
1 nan, 2 Papadoms
£18
Excludes King Prawn dishes

Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer

£5 Cash Back
when you spend £30 or more on collection or delivery. (From normal menu prices. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers)

Monday to Thursday get a free Curry
Value £6 or 2 portions of onion bhajee - when you spend £20 or over. (T&C apply).

Midweek Special Offer Sunday to Thursday £12.95
1 Onion Bhajee, 1 Chicken Madras, 1 Chicken Korma, 1 Pilau Rice, 1 Plain Nan Bread, mint sauce & onion salad

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

Dental Implant and Restorative Services

- Experienced Royal College trained surgeon
- Realistic pricing • Interest free credit
- Simple and complex cases undertaken

We are currently offering **FREE** consultations.
Call 01446 795240 today.

wyndham house dental practice
Wyndham House, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major CF61 1XZ

Dental implant services provided by Simon Hill GDC No 72727
*Terms subject to status, terms & conditions apply. 9% APR representative.
Authorised and regulated by Financial Conduct Authority.

272 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HU.
Tel: 01446 700646/741700

OUR WINTER SALE HAS OFFICIALLY ENDED**CLEARANCE
EVENT****HUGE REDUCTIONS****100s
OF SALE ITEMS
STILL REMAIN &
MUST BE
CLEARED***First come first served!!!***EVERYTHING MUST GO!****while stocks last**

Due to the reorganisation of stock in our showrooms and warehouses we are forced to **clear large quantities** of suites and sofas, beds and bedroom, dining furniture, occasional furniture, accessories and much much more. There has never been a better time to grab your self a bargain

DOORS OPEN 9.30AM SHARP**HURRY!****First come first served
OFFERS END THIS SUNDAY****The Must Have brand for your home**

**ENDS THIS
SUNDAY
ABSOLUTELY
EVERYTHING
MUST GO!**

fw
homestores
Get the look... for less!

www.fwhomestores.co.uk

Unit 5, Freemans Park, Penarth Road, Cardiff, CF11 8TU. Tel: 02920 371970

Open 7 Days

**INTEREST
FREE
CREDIT**

**TOUGHEST PLACE
IN THE WORLD TO
BE A PARAMEDIC**

THE speaker at Sully U3A's March meeting was Angie Dymott whose talk was entitled 'The toughest place to be a paramedic - Guatemala'.

Angie is a paramedic in Cardiff. About five years ago she was going through her emails when she saw one from the College of Paramedics, who were offering the opportunity for a paramedic to go to work in another country for two weeks; and which would feature in a documentary for the BBC.

She applied and after a series of interviews was chosen to live and work with the Bomberos in Guatemala City, one of the most violent places in the world.

The Bomberos are combined paramedics and fire fighters who race to the scene of gangland killings and drive-by shootings, trying to save lives and to

stay alive!

Angie showed parts of the film made by the BBC. The Bomberos travel in small trucks because anything larger would not be able to get through the traffic.

She attended five shootings in three hours. A total of 97 per cent of the murders remain unsolved.

The Bomberos work 24 hours on and 24 hours off. They manage with sparse resources and reuse oxygen masks and bandages. They are financed by fundraising and donations. Angie stayed with two of the Bomberos.

One, who is a volunteer two days a week and who is a businessman and can afford to live in a guarded compound and another, who is full time and lives in a village an hour's bus ride from Guatemala.

His accommodation consisted of only two rooms and they all had to move out of the bedroom so that she could have it. She was impressed with the dedication and camaraderie shown by the Bomberos, and when she arrived home wanted to fundraise for them. She sent them the money to use as they wished and they refurbished their kitchen and bathroom at the Bomberos station.

Angie said it had been an amazing experience, very hard but she loved every second of it and it made her realise how much we take for granted in life and our every day jobs.

There were many questions and Angie stayed to talk to members over tea. She was thanked by chairman Jean Bispham for such a fascinating talk.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 13 at 2pm in The Old School, Sully, when Brian Davies will talk on William Edwards, bridge builder. New members are always welcome. **SUE COLMAN**

Glaucoma awareness

TO raise awareness of glaucoma and encourage people in the Vale to have regular eye examinations, Specsavers in Barry is holding a drop-in information session on Tuesday, March 21 from 10am to 12pm.

No appointment needed, just come along to Age Connects Senior Health Shop in Barry and chat to a representative of Specsavers. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

**Green Party
candidates**

CARDIFF and the Vale Green Party recently completed its selection of candidates for Penarth in May's local authority elections.

It is putting forward its highest ever number of candidates for council elections in Wales, with candidates stanning in all the Penarth wards.

The named candidates are: Paul Beswick (Stanwell); Tom B Jenkins (Cornerswell); Tony

Cooke (Plymouth); John Rimington (Lavernock and Sully); Liz Rosser (Llandough) and Anthony Slaughter (St Augustine's).

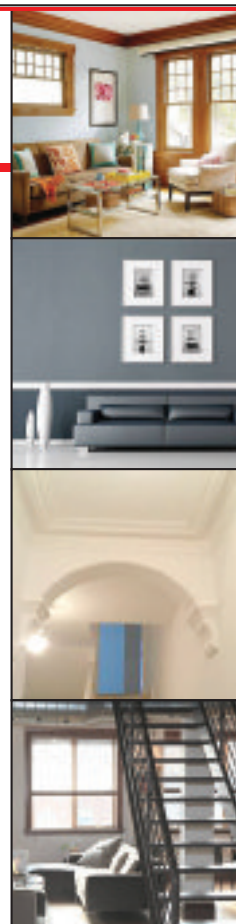
Anthony Slaughter has also been selected as the prospective Wales Green Party candidate for the Cardiff South and Penarth constituency, should the Government call a snap general election in the near future.

The party will be announcing further candidates for other Vale of Glamorgan wards shortly.

Interiors by**ace** Plastering and Building Services LTD**Time for a change?**

Fed up with that tired looking or cracked and damaged outdated textured walls and ceilings.

- From full building renovation works to a classy refurbishment to any part of your home.
- Quality plastering and decorating services.
- Decorative plasterwork and coving.
- Solid flooring.
- Tiling and Soft furnishings.

**www.aceplasteringandbuildingservices.co.uk****Email: aceplastering1@gmail.com Telephone: 07891 259219**

Barry school team wins Youth Speaks competition



ABOVE: The team from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg receive their prizes. Left to right: MC Rotarian Michael Macphail, team members Elin Alexander, Nia Brown, Tirion Davies and district 1150 governor Steve Jenkins.

BARRY Rotarians are celebrating the success of their senior team in the District 1150 final of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition – hosted by the Cowbridge branch on Saturday (March 11) at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Youth Speaks provides young people with the opportunity to develop interpersonal skills necessary to make public presentations in a competitive environment.

In the senior section (14 – 18), seven teams sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Llantrisant, Cwmbran Vale, Swansea Valley, Llanelli, Llandovery, Barry, Narberth and Whitland competed

and the team from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Barry were awarded second place.

Their team was chaired by Tirion Davies; their speaker was Nia Brown; and their vote of Thanks was given by Elin Alexander. The team's chosen topic was 'Is modern education destructive?' In line with national rules, speaker Nia Brown had to answer a question from the audience to show her understanding of their chosen topic.

District 1150 winners were the team from Maesdydderwen Comprehensive School, sponsored by Swansea Valley Rotary Club and it will go on to the regional final to be held later

in the year. Judges in the senior section were Colin Johnson OBE, Barbara Stubbs BA and Jeffrey Robinson BA, Med (chairman). On behalf of the judges, Mr Robinson spoke of the outstandingly high standards set by the contestants and said that they were a credit to their schools.

He also paid tribute to everyone – parents, teachers and Rotarians – who had worked so hard to make this round of the competition so successful.

Speaking to the team members of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg at the end of the competition, president elect of Barry Rotary Club, Jill Osborne congratulated them all, saying the Rotary Club of Barry was very proud of their achievements.

Shampan

Award winning Indian sub continental cuisine
Restaurant & Takeaway

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

4 COURSE MEAL

Only £8.95pp

Mon - Thurs 5.30 - 7pm

2 FOR 1

MON-THURS

MAIN COURSE & POPPADOM

5-8pm TAKEAWAY ONLY

(TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY)



SUNDAY BANQUET

5 COURSES £9.50

Midday - 11pm

Tel: 01446 771682 01446 774590

70 East Gate, Cowbridge, CF71 7AB

2014 Tiffin Cup Finalist • Certificate of Excellence • Trip Advisor



EGGSTRA EGG APPEAL

Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis of



Are calling out for donations of easter eggs
to their Easter Egg Appeal. All donated eggs
will be given to the local charity Vale Food Bank



From now until Monday 10th April eggs can be brought to our office:
Lyndsay Ellis @ The Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Cadoxton, Barry. 01446 407962





WINTER SALE NOW ON!

PLUS 6 MONTHS
FREE INSURANCE



20% OFF

MARKED PRICES ON
**ALL
WHEELCHAIRS**

FROM ONLY
£79.20*

PLUS 6 MONTHS

FREE INSURANCE
ON ALL SCOOTERS,
POWERCHAIRS,
WHEELCHAIRS
AND
RISER RECLINERS

UP TO £100 OFF

ON
ALL SCOOTERS*

FROM ONLY
£399*



PLUS 6 MONTHS
FREE INSURANCE

FREE STROLLEY TROLLEY

(WORTH OVER £40)

*WITH ALL RISER
RECLINER CHAIRS
£550 AND OVER



WIN BACK THE COST OF YOUR NEW ROAD SCOOTER

ASK IN STORE FOR T&CS



10% OFF

MARKED PRICES ON
ALL COMMODES

FROM ONLY
£24.99*



10% OFF

MARKED PRICES ON
ALL WALKERS

FROM ONLY
£40.45*

STAIRLIFTS (INCLUDES FITTING AND WARRANTY)

NEW STRAIGHT Was ~~£1195~~ **RECONDITIONED-STRAIGHT** **NEW CURVED** (Plus £200 gift voucher)

NOW FROM ONLY **£1075.50**

FROM ONLY **£495**

FROM ONLY **£2995**

FREEPHONE 0800 999 2259 FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION SURVEY

CARDIFF ABLEWORLD

Penarth Road Retail Park
Penarth Road, Cardiff, CF11 8EF
Email: info@ableworldcardiff.co.uk

T: (02921) 321072

Open Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.30pm

To see more stores, please visit:

www.ableworld.co.uk

Next to the Bath Store

BRIDGEND ABLEWORLD

Bridgend Shopping Centre, Brackla Street,
Bridgend, Wales, CF31 1DD
Email: info@ableworldbridgend.co.uk

T: (01656) 856 696

Open Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.30pm

To see more stores, please visit:

www.ableworld.co.uk

Opposite Wilko's



facebook.com/
ableworld

twitter.com/
AbleworldUK



www.ableworld.co.uk

Ableworld are the sole mobility retailer in the area
approved as a Community Equipment Shopper



NHS Vouchers Welcome Where Applicable

*VAT Exempt - Ask in Store for Details

MRP - Manufacturer's Recommended Price.

Promotion Price - Sold for 28 Days in Last 5 months at our Neatwich Store

Insurance/Warranty is arranged by Ableworld UK Ltd and provided through
Mark Bates Ltd t/a Premier Care, Premier House, Leadenhall Road,
Grantham, Lincoln, NG31 9SH who are authorised and regulated by the
Financial Conduct Authority. FCA 300080.

'WASPIs' MAKE REAL BUZZ AT WESTMINSTER

ON March 8, 'WASPI' supporters went to Westminster to lobby the Chancellor Philip Hammond on the day of the Budget.

WASPI stands for 'Women Against State Pension Inequality', and

among the protestors were women from south Wales.

Kay Clarke from Barry, who took part in the protest, explained: "Thousands of women and men participated in our mass demonstration outside Parliament to demand an end to state pension inequality."

"The demo took place

outside Parliament and was timed to coincide with Budget Day and International Women's Day."

There were speeches by Dave Prentis, general secretary of UNISON, and Peter Stefanovic, a lawyer and journalist, along with MPs.

Kay said: "Last June at our previous demo there had been over two and a half thousand of us. This time there were nearly five thousand who simply could not be ignored."

"As we shouted louder and louder Martin Lewis appeared and briskly walked behind the barriers clapping us and congratulating us on our presence of mind to partake in such a stunt."

"He made an impromptu speech advising us to continue with our campaign and keep up with our fight!"

"After the speakers had finished the Wales contingent was escorted inside Westminster where we met many of our supportive MPs from around Wales."

"We left feeling that the day had been very well worthwhile with good media coverage."

Lack of emphasis on Dinas bypass?

FOLLOWING the Transport Study Drop In session in Dinas Powys Plaid Coun Chris Franks told The GEM that he was frustrated by a lack of emphasis on the issue of a local bypass.

"It was frustrating that the issue of the bypass was obviously being down played."

"There really was no attempt to engage with this option."

"Many people feel that the sale of St Cyres land at the top of Murch Road will seriously encroach upon the route of any bypass."

"The sale of this land

is supported by the Conservatives, however it must be recognised that the route of the bypass was through this land."

"There was also no attempt to focus on the Cardiff City Region that the Vale has joined."

"This means that the Vale Council has handed over authority to Cardiff and valley councils regarding major schemes such as the bypass."

"Again the City Region has the full support of the Conservatives even though it will further reduce the chances of a bypass. Do we really believe that valley councils will back a bypass?"

Local students support 'Tools With a Mission' with Penarth charity event

CREATIVE students from Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) will provide the entertainment at a special fundraising event for Tools With A Mission (TWAM) on March 24, at the Paget Rooms in Penarth.

The event will raise money for Tools With A Mission, a charity that takes unwanted tools, refurbishes them and distributes them in developing nations. The fundraiser is being organised by Penarth deputy Town Mayor Tracey Alexander, TWAM being her official civic charity.

Former CAVC student Luke Andrews will perform solo at the beginning of the evening, before being joined by current students The Foundation.

John Lewis and the Angela Morris Parry Ensemble will also perform.

Amanda Coombes, a 'foundation degree in photography learner', will operate a photo booth for all guests to have photos that they can buy to raise further funds for TWAM.

Deputy Town Mayor Alexander said: "I am thrilled to be working

with Cardiff and Vale College to raise money for TWAM. The students are so talented and helpful – their commitment to supporting us is commendable."

CAVC employee Alyson Llewellyn, who helped organise the students' support, said: "I am extremely proud of our students for being so keen to take part in this worthwhile cause."

"Not only will they be raising funds for a charity that does so much good work around the world, they will also gain invaluable experience that will help them prepare for the world of work."

The TWAM event will take place at the Paget Rooms, Penarth on March 24 from 7.30pm. Tickets are £20, two for £36 or tables of four to six for £15 per person and can be purchased from Tracey Alexander on 07916 709305, or Foxy's Deli, Penarth, The Spa on Brockhill Way, Penarth or Griffin Books, Penarth.

Alternatively, tickets can be bought from Alyson Llewellyn via allewellyn@cavc.ac.uk or 02920 250 250.



Organisers are making preparations for the event at the Paget Rooms on March 24.

STEAMED UP DOUBLE GLAZING?

Don't Replace The Frames... Just The Panes!

Cloudy2Clear Are A...



All Glazing Backed By Our

25 YEAR GUARANTEE



REPLACING YOUR FAILED DOUBLE GLAZING

Priority Freephone
0800 61 21 118
www.cloudy2clear.com

Broken Or Damaged Windows? Faulty Locks, Handles, Hinges?



0%
INTEREST
FREE



Conservatories, Orangeries & Sun rooms
as well as Windows & Doors in PVCu, Aluminium & Timber



- ▶ 5.9% APR or BUY NOW PAY 2018
- ▶ 2 Years Interest Free Credit
- ▶ FREE Planning Service
- ▶ FREE A-Rated glass upgrade
- ▶ No telesales or commission only salesmen
- ▶ FREE quotation and 3D imaging service
- ▶ 10 year insurance warranty

OPEN
7 DAYS

FREEPHONE 0500 21 22 24
www.securahome.co.uk



securahome
improving homes since 1994

SHOWCENTRE AT Securahome PVCu Ltd, Garsgoch Ind Est, Gorseilion, Swansea SA4 9WN
Authorised and Regulated by The Financial Conduct Authority

FORWARD PLANNING FOR CONSERVATORIES AND ORANGERIES

Conservatories and orangeries are probably the most straightforward and quickly constructed of all home extensions, but like any building project they do take time.

Having built and project managed hundreds of conservatories and orangeries, in our experience from initial consultation through to completion is likely to take months rather than weeks.

Decisions such as how you will use the room, the design, layout and materials are not something to rush.

Once you've got your initial ideas, an experienced conservatory or orangery specialist will work with you to turn these suggestions into a room that fits your lifestyle.

On a practical level, if your home has previously been extended or the drainage needs to be moved, it will take time to get the necessary approvals.

At SecuraHome we always project manage the approval process and expect local authority planning permission to take at least 10 weeks, with sewer agreements often involving a similar timescale.

All things considered, once you've made the decision to go ahead, it could take three or four months before you can put your feet up and enjoy your new room. However, having invested the time to design, plan and build it properly we think you'll agree that your new conservatory or orangery will be more than worth the wait!





Cardiff (East) Showroom | 02920 485888 | The Design Quarter, 4 Colchester Avenue, Cardiff, CF23 9AN

Cardiff (West) Showroom | 02920 593969 | 485 Cowbridge Road West, Cardiff, CF5 5TG

✓ TRUSTPILOT Excellent - 9.7/10 ★★★★★



COOKING PASSION SINCE 1877

**Get up to £2,000
of FREE Neff
appliances**



SPRING OFFERS

Visit sigma3.co.uk to find out more or to order a copy of our offers brochure.

**BUY NOW,
PAY 2018***

Buy now and pay £99 settlement fee if the balance is paid within 12 months.

*Terms & Conditions apply. Please ask in store for details.

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Sigma 3 Kitchens Ltd, Llantrisant Business Park, Llantrisant, South Wales, CF72 8LF act as a credit broker and only offers products from Barclays Partner Finance. Barclays Partner Finance is a trading name of Clydesdale Financial Services Limited a wholly owned subsidiary of Barclays Bank PLC. Clydesdale Financial Services Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (Financial Services Register Number: 311753). Registered in England. Registered No. 2901725. Registered Office: 1 Churchill Place, London, E14 5HP

***24.9%**
Representative APR

Changes to bus services in the Vale



*Vale Mayor
Coun Stuart
Egan.*

The St David's Day coffee morning took place at the Plaza in UHL, where a variety of stalls distributing information and selling local fare such as jams, pickles, cakes, tea and coffee, along with the Mayor's own homemade Welsh cakes, which went down a storm. All

The Llandough Hospital Choir went along and performed a number of popular songs to visitors, patients and staff.

The Mayor's cookbook is on sale with a recommended £3 donation to the charity. Copies are available at Mayoral events and in the Mayor's office in the Town Hall, Barry.

Anyone for a slice of cake?

Bric-a-brac, cake stall, nearly new stall, raffle etc. All proceeds in aid of Parkinsons UK

Service 100 (Barry (0800 464 00 00) and local Sunday service) also on the Council's will instead be provided w e b s i t e : by Cardiff Bus (029 20 www.valeofglamorgan.g 66644) from Sunday. ov.uk.

Please contact Helen Jones today
for a no obligation chat
Telephone: 01656 652737
Email: helenj@anthonyandjarvie.co.uk
6 Court Road, Bridgend, CF31 1BW

www.theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk

ONLY 15 MINUTES
from Culverhouse Cross

Visit our website at
www.theplaceforhorses.co.uk
 Enquiries: email sales@theplaceforhorses.co.uk

NOW'S THE TIME FOR CHANGE ADVERTISING FEATURE

Are there times when you wish you had a bit more confidence?

Opportunities can pass us by when our self belief is working against us and we can have all sorts of difficulties with:

- Exams.
- Job interviews.
- Public speaking.
- Speaking up for yourself.
- Relationships.
- Going after the things you want.
- Weight fluctuations.
- Phobias.

The knock-on effect

can lead to low self-esteem, a negative view of the future as well as feelings of anxiety and depression.

Using hypnotherapy, Sue can help you to take back control. Working with you to help you reawaken your natural confidence, optimism and rediscover your motivation to succeed; to go after those things in life which are important to you and having the tools to make these changes for the better.

For a chat, contact Sue Pitman on 07795 964066/ cardiffhypnotherapysolutions@gmail.com and for more information see her website: cardiffhypnotherapysolutions.co.uk

Sue Pitman
HPD, DHP, MNCH(Reg)
Clinical Hypnotherapist/
Psychotherapist

Contact Sue on
07795 964066 / 029 20654893

Confidential free initial consultation with no obligation at:

Clinics in Cowbridge, Barry and Whitchurch, Cardiff.

www.cardiffhypnotherapysolutions.com

Double Grammy-award winner's praise for children's choirs

A DOUBLE Grammy award winner – who is also an adjudicator in this year's Cŵr Cymru competition – has been astonished by the standards of the choirs in Wales.

Christopher Tin believes the children's choirs have set an incredibly high standard for this year's competition.

The respected adjudicator's remarks come before the next episode of the S4C series on Sunday, March 19, featuring the children's choirs. Four of Wales' most talented children's choirs will be trying to impress him and his fellow adjudicators Maria Guinand from Venezuela and Oxford University's first Choral Professor, Edward Higginbottom.

Tin said: "For an American like myself, this competition is an eye-opening showcase of the depth and quality of the Welsh choral tradition. I'm particularly impressed by the young singers – the children and youth categories are full of radiant voices who sing with musicality and sophistication."

Cŵr Cymru is held every two years and has



five categories. Four choirs won a place in the semi-finals of the children's choir section; Cŵr Iau Ieuenctid Môn, Cŵr Ieuenctid Môn, Ysgol Gerdd Ceredigion and Cŵr y Cwm from the Rhondda.

When the last Cŵr Cymru competition was held in 2015, children's choir Cŵr Heol y March near Cowbridge were the overall winners of the competition.

Two years later, the conductor of Cŵr Heol y March, Eleri Roberts, is still extremely proud of the win and considers it one of the highlights in

the choir's history. "Winning the Cŵr Cymru competition in 2015 was an amazing experience and it has given us an abundance of amazing opportunities," she said.

"The choir has had the opportunity to perform the work of Karl Jenkins, *Cantata Memoria*, and to sing in a concert with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, broadcast on BBC Radio 3. More recently we sang in a St David's Day reception at 10 Downing Street."

A prize of £4,000 is given to the overall winner of Cŵr Cymru.

Cŵr Heol y March used the prize money to compete in another choral competition in Europe.

"We used the Cŵr Cymru prize money to take the choir to the International Choir Festival in Calelle, Spain, and we won. We also had the opportunity to sing in a friendship concert in Barcelona Cathedral, which was an unforgettable experience," said Ms Roberts.

Easter eggs for Ty Hafan GREEN WILLOW FUNERALS, Cardiff-based funeral directors, are supporting Ty Hafan this Easter by collecting Easter eggs and gifts to donate to the hospice in Sully.

The main donation point will be their premises in Dinas Powys, run by funeral director, Jordan Tyler. Gifts can also be taken to any of their other offices or funeral homes.

The last date for donation is Friday, March 31.

Your local Honda Power Equipment & Honda Lawn and Garden Dealership

01656 653200 | www.jgplant.com | reception@jgplant.com

Brighten up your home with a stunning new kitchen

Our unique Kitchen Genie makeover will transform your existing kitchen by giving it a brand new facelift



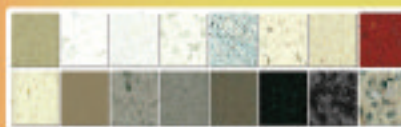
Dear Kitchen Genie
You and your colleagues were extremely helpful and polite throughout and nothing seemed to be too much trouble. It was obvious that you took pride in your work.
Beti and Euid

FREE FITTING

ASK ABOUT QUARTZITE...

Why replace your worktops when this **unique quartz overlay** simply fits over your existing surface.

- Hygienic • Easy to care for
- Scratch resistant • Easily installed
- Up to 30% cheaper than granite
- Heat resistant • Timeless



quartzite
By Kitchen Genie

Kitchen Genie
The kitchen makeover specialists

Which? Trusted Traders

The Furniture Ombudsman
Full Member

BRITISH MADE

No need to empty cupboards
Most Kitchens completed in a day

No mess, no fuss

All doors made to measure

Choose from Laminate,
Solid Wood or Painted Doors

FREE design service

Call for a **FREE** quotation

www.thekitchengenie.co.uk

Lines Open: Mon-Sat 9:00am till 6:00pm | Sun 10:00am till 4:00pm

A family run business with over 30 years of expertise

CALL FREE
FROM MOBILES



**SPRING
INTO ACTION!**

GIVE YOUR HOME A MAKEOVER

SPREAD THE PAYMENTS WITH OUR AFFORDABLE FINANCE PACKAGES

COLOURED COMPOSITE DOORS



UPVC FRONT & BACK DOORS



DOORS FULLY FITTED FROM

£599



WINDOWS FROM £350



FRENCH AND PATIO DOORS FROM £999



CONSERVATORIES FROM £5000



BIFOLD DOORS FROM £1995



LANERN ROOF CONSERVATORIES FROM £2295



FASCIAS, SOFFITS & GUTTERINGS FROM £250



✓ All of our prices include VAT and installation

✓ Most products fitted within 4 weeks of ordering



Low Rate Finance

£1,000

£2,000

£3,000

£4,000

£5,000

120 months at 9.9% APR

£12.93
pcm

£25.86
pcm

£38.79
pcm

£51.72
pcm

£64.64
pcm



G2S WALES
Est. 2014

180 YEARS COMBINED TRADING

www.g2swindowsdoors.co.uk

**CALL US
ANY TIME**

OUR PHONES ARE MANNED

24/7

VISIT OUR SUPERB SHOWROOM

Unit 1, York Park, Chepstow Rd,
Bridgend Ind. Estate Bridgend CF31 3TB

01656 349467

Calls charged at a local rate from landlines, mobile costs vary, consult your provider

Offers cannot be used with any other advertised offer, cannot be used in conjunction with any other or previous quotations, discount or offer. Each section of a bay window counts as one window, maximum window size 2.1m x 1.8m. G2S reserve the right to withdraw any offer without prior notice. Finance is only available on orders over £500.00 and is subject to approval and availability. The G2S Group is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The firm appears on the Financial Services Register (FRN: 670803) and is authorised to provide credit broking services. The G2S Group act as an intermediary and only offer products from Credence Consumer Finance Limited. Credence Consumer Finance is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN: 311516). © G2S 2017.

THE LABOUR-LED VALE COUNCIL KEPT ITS ELECTION PROMISES AND DELIVERS THE BEST PERFORMING COUNCIL IN WALES

Promised and delivered: Cut the Council Cabinet by 30% and more since - Introduced public speaking at Planning and Scrutiny Committees - Established a dedicated Consultation Officer - Prioritise Barry Regeneration - Stopped savage cuts to services for the elderly - Keep school crossing patrols where required - Reinstated the mobile library with Barry Town Council - Protected free school transport - Reintroduced traffic wardens - Provided salt grit bins where needed - Repaired roads and pot holes - Established a Youth Mayor and Youth Cabinet - Kept Council spending under control, especially in Social Services - Renovated Penarth Pier Pavilion and Esplanade and upgraded the Cliff Top - Brought the Pumphouse into public use - Regenerated Barry Island - Reviewed refuse and recycling collections for all areas -

frail Elderly - introduced litter with Barry Town Council to Cemetery Approach - Docks link Road by installing rewrote the LDP removing Built Penarth Learning y Deri Schools) - Brought road by working with the develop St Paul's Church with

Enhanced Care facilities for the enforcement officers - Worked regenerate and revitalise improved safety on the Barry traffic lights - Scrapped and housing at Weycock Cross - Community (St Cyres and Ysgol forward the Barry Island link developers - Working to community facilities.

Other things we delivered:

- Introduced Young People's Zig-Zag Path and Railway Introduced events such as Sea, Ice Central, Country Park Park with 3G pitches with Built the Cross Common Road Council Housing improvement the Castleland Renewal Area shops redevelopment - Invested £83 million on new Care facilities for older and care to people leaving Centre refurbishment - Libraries - Improved safety on introducing traffic lights - providing new or remodelled Ysgol Gwaun y Nant, Oakfield Primary, Llantwit Learning

Labour's Pledges to you

INVEST ANOTHER £77M IN NEW SCHOOLS

CONTINUE TO UPGRADE OTHER SCHOOLS

REPAIR MORE PAVEMENTS, POT-HOLES AND ROADS

FOCUS ENFORCEMENT ON DOG FOULING AND LITTER

IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND RAIL LINKS

PROVIDE A PLAY AREA IN EVERY WARD

PROVIDE AN OUTDOOR GYM IN EVERY TOWN

INCREASE PARKING ENFORCEMENT

DEVELOP HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

PROVIDE EXTRA CARE FOR OLDER RESIDENTS

ENSURE THE VALE BENEFITS FROM THE CITY DEAL

DEVELOP SKILLS TO HELP PEOPLE GAIN EMPLOYMENT

LOBBY FOR A NEW ROAD TO THE M4 AT JCT 34

ENSURE THE COUNCIL PROCURES FROM LOCAL FIRMS

CONTINUE REGENERATION IN PENARTH AND BARRY

ENSURE LOCALS CAN SHAPE LOCAL SERVICES

CONTINUE TO VALUE THE WORK OF OUR STAFF

RETAIN A 2 WEEK BLACK BAG COLLECTION

If you support our pledges

**Remember to Vote for a Labour Council
on Thursday 4th May 2017**

Ysgol y Ddraig and Llantwit Comprehensive School), Gwenfo Primary, the Victorian Schools Repair Programme - Provided new Play Areas at Brock Street, Pencoedtre Park and the Splashpad, Cogan Recreation Ground, Maslin Park, Stewart Road, Lewis Road, Cogan Pill, Elworthy, Windmill Lane, Trebefered, Amherst Crescent, Bedford Rise, Meggett Road, Dryden Terrace, Chickenwood, Batts Field, Belvedere Crescent, George Street, Gladstone Gardens, Romilly Park, Plassey Square, Cwrt y Vil, Victoria Park, Hunt Place, Fferm Goch, Badger's Brook, Peterston Super Ely, Dinas Powys, Colwinston Village Hall, Wenvoe - **Other upgrades include** Dunraven Walled Garden, Alexandra Gardens, Central Park, Old Hall grounds, storytelling space, Treoes Community allotment, Dinas Powys allotment, Cowbridge Allotment, the Wales Coastal Path, upgrade, Dimhole, Sully **and also gained** 2 Blue Flag Beaches, 7 Green Flag Parks, received an excellent Corporate Assessment from the Wales Audit Office, Wales, declared as the Best Performing Welsh Council for two years running, the second best in Wales for Education, and second best for recycling.

Coming very soon - Play areas at Paget Road and Wordsworth Park in Penarth, Dochdwy Road and George V Playing Field in Llandough and a skate park at Cogan Recreation Ground and an upgrade at Dingle Park Penarth.

MISTED DOUBLE GLAZED GLASS UNITS?



Are they cloudy and you can't see through them properly?

Call us:

We fit new double glazed glass at reasonable prices.

For a free no obligation quote contact:

Warmseal Windows of Barry

Freephone 0800 389 8453

We are a Barry double glazing company trading for the last 20 years. We fit new UPVC double glazed windows and doors and UPVC fascia and guttering - all fully guaranteed.

Pirate theme for Cliff Walk park play area

RIGHT: Couns Lis Burnett and Gwyn John at the Cliff Walk Park refurbishment.

A CLIMBING frame called the 'Crow's Nest' will form the centrepiece of a revamped Cliff Walk play area, as the Vale Council begins a £100,000 pirate-themed improvement project.

The 'nest' will overlook a range of new installations at the Penarth park, with work set to be completed in time for the Easter holidays.

Featuring an octopus seesaw, large ship play unit, two-bay swing, double somersault bars and stepping stones, among other features, the park is to boast an array of attributes catering for children of all abilities.

The park has accessible surfacing around multi-functional play areas and the products in the park are to be equipped with diverse play opportunities that can be accessed from all angles.

A wheelchair-accessible roundabout is also set to be unveiled, an addition that was recently included in the council's renovation of

Plassey Square. Anna Murphy, co-founder of Oshi's World, a local charity that supports the families of children with disabilities and special needs, played a role in convincing the council regarding the inclusion of the wheelchair-accessible roundabout.

Around £200,000 had been set aside by the council's visible service reserve to enhance Cliff Walk and Cwrt Y Vil play areas, as well as Peterswell Road and St Lythan's at Cwm Talwg.

Of this, £110,000 was set aside for Penarth's Cliff Walk Park, while a further £4,000 has been contributed by the council to add the wheelchair-accessible roundabout, which the contractor has agreed to install, free-of-charge.

Deputy leader of the council and cabinet member for regeneration and education, Coun Lis Burnett, said: "We were keen to ensure that children of all abilities were able to play together at Cliff Walk Park. I look forward to seeing them enjoy the exciting new features it has to offer in the very near future."

The work to upgrade the park started on February 6 and is expected to last between



six and eight weeks.

For more information on proposed upgrades to play areas in the Vale, visit:

http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/consultation/previous-consultations/Play-Area-Improvements.aspx.

eco-oven cleaning

Treat yourself to a Sparkling clean oven

call 02920 291770
www.ecoovencleaning.co.uk

HUNDREDS OF ITEMS IN STOCK AVAILABLE TO TAKE AWAY!

Oakfurniture

SOLID HARDWOOD FURNITURE AT CLEARANCE PRICES

CLEARANCE

FREE SOLID HARDWOOD

when you spend over £299 with this voucher

FURTHER MASSIVE REDUCTIONS ON ALL OUR CLEARANCE STOCK!!

DON'T MISS OUT! WHEN IT'S GONE - IT'S GONE!

NEW STOCK DAILY - SLIGHTLY USED - OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Sofa shop

QUALITY SOFAS AT CLEARANCE PRICES

SOFA

SOFA

or delivery available

real leather sofas

The UK's BIGGEST solid wood clearance outlet



All images are for illustration purposes only, actual stock may vary.

(THE OLD EDDERSHAW'S BUILDING) • HADFIELD ROAD • CARDIFF CF11 8AQ

LATE NIGHT OPENING

CALL: 02921 674230

Monday-Friday 9am-8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm, Sunday 10.30am - 4.30pm

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

Terms and Conditions apply

BUY NOW PAY 2018 WITH NO DEPOSIT



NEW DREAM DOOR
SPECIAL OFFER **£699.00**
FULLY FITTED

FREE electric underfloor heating with every full package CONSERVATORY bought. Don't miss this amazing OFFER

WINDOWS • DOORS • CONSERVATORIES • FRENCH DOORS • BIFOLD DOORS • PORCHES

Established award winning family-run Welsh company

12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR		12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR		12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	
Number of windows	Cost	Conservatory	Cost	Door	Price
4 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPERER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £1546	3M X 3M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS FREE TILING AND VERTICAL BLINDS FITTED	From £9,495	SOLID OR COMPOSITE DOOR FULLY FITTED	From £995.00
5 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPERER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £2032			PATIO DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £999.00
6 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPERER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £2519	3.5M X 3.5M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS FREE TILING AND VERTICAL BLINDS FITTED	From £10,990	YALE UPVC BACK DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £650.00
7 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPERER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £3005			FRENCH DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £999.00
8 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPERER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £3492	4M X 4M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS FREE TILING AND VERTICAL BLINDS FITTED	From £11,990	YALE UPVC FRONT DOORS FITTED	From £699.00
9 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPERER IN WHITE UPVC BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR	From £3978				

OPEN 9AM TO 9PM • 7 DAYS A WEEK

All special offers terms and conditions apply

SALES HOTLINE
OPEN 9AM TO 9PM
7 DAYS A WEEK



Showroom at:
Next door to Halfords on Leckwith Road, Cardiff CF11 8AP
BARRY 01446 439212
CARDIFF 029 2050 8770
BRIDGEND 01656 349515
Sales hotline now open 9am-9pm, 7 Days a week
www.mpnwindows.com

Email: sales@mpnwindows.com

AWARDED BEST DOUBLE GLAZING COMPANY IN WALES BY NETWORK VEKA

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

THE VALE COUNCIL JOINS THE CITY DEAL CONSORTIUM

THE Vale Council and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have joined eight other local authorities in putting together a deal designed to stimulate economic growth.

The £1.2 billion Cardiff Capital Region City Deal aims to transform the economy of south east Wales and was formally ratified

during a special ceremony held earlier this month.

The Cardiff City Deal plans to unlock significant economic growth across the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR), which includes the 10 local authorities of Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taf, The Vale of Glamorgan and Torfaen.

The leaders of the 10 local authorities within

the CCR signed the City Deal document in a ceremony at Cardiff Airport, following universal support from all ten councils for the programme.

The City Deal includes funding of £734m for the South Wales Metro, of which over £500 million is provided by the Welsh Government and £125m from the UK Government.

The UK Government has provided a £375m contribution, and the 10 local authorities have agreed a commitment to borrow a combined total of £120million as part of the Wider Investment Fund.

The Vale Council is contributing £17.9 million. This includes the cost of repaying any loans plus the interest on those loans.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "This does assume that the council borrows the monies required to fund our share of the costs."

"How the council will fund the allocation will be reviewed and included as part of the forward financial planning process for the council."

BCBC's contribution is £11.28 million, and it is intended that this will be borrowed and repaid over 10 years.

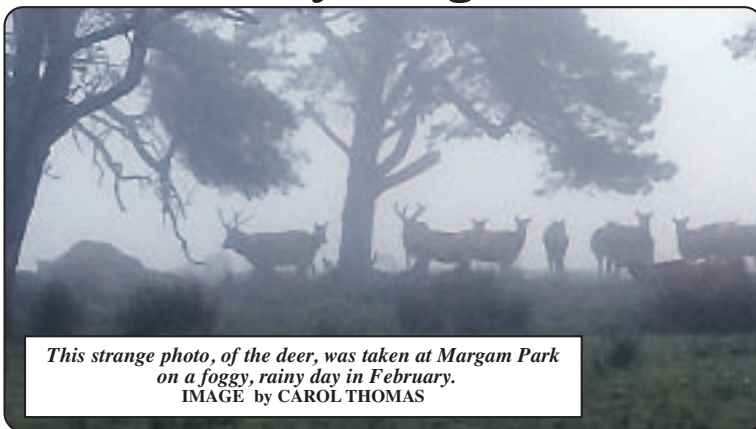
The transition phase will also see the creation and development of three advisory bodies to the Regional Cabinet – the

CCR Economic Growth Partnership, a region-wide business representation organisation and an Employment and Skills Board, and one delivery body, the Regional Transport Authority.

First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones said: "I'm delighted that the landmark £1.2bn Cardiff Capital Region City Deal has been formally ratified."

"The Welsh Government's contribution of over £500m in funding for the Metro was instrumental in securing the deal. The Metro will be key to delivering our plans to improve transport connectivity and economic prosperity in the region."

Mysterious deer are captured at a misty Margam Park



This strange photo, of the deer, was taken at Margam Park on a foggy, rainy day in February.
IMAGE by CAROL THOMAS

DAVID PROSSER & CO

SOLICITORS

Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Probate and Estate Disputes & Administration

WE ARE A LOCAL, WELL ESTABLISHED LEGAL PRACTICE

We will:

- Be polite and professional
- Respond promptly to your enquiries
- Provide clear information on costs
- Offer home visits where necessary

Please contact Brendan Sweeney.

Telephone 01656 645921

E-Mail: brendansweeney@davidprosser.co.uk

3 Court Road, Bridgend CF31 1BL

David Prosser & Co is the trading name of DP Law Limited.

Surface of A48 road called into question

Welsh Assembly Member, Andrew RT Davies, is calling for improvements to be made to the A48 road between Culverhouse Cross and Bridgend following a spate of accidents.

The Welsh Conservatives' leader raised the "appalling condition" of the road at the National Assembly. He told Leader of the House and Vale AM Jane Hutt that six accidents had occurred on the road the previous week.

Mr Davies said: "When you have six accidents on a stretch of road, there is a cause for concern, I would suggest."

"Thankfully, no-one was killed, but there were some serious injuries. The surface of that road is in an appalling condition, with several very deep potholes."

He asked Ms Hutt what maintenance work is required on the road and what safety measures can be implemented to alleviate some of the traffic hazards.

Ms Hutt said she was of course aware of the accidents to which Mr Davies had referred.

She said there had been a sharp and unexpected frost, but roads were gritted by the Vale Council.

Ms Hutt told Mr Davies consideration will be given to the condition of the A48.

Michael Prosser



**EYES NOT FEELING
QUITE RIGHT?**

**Free eye health clinic
now open instore**

Book an eye test at specsavers.co.uk or call 0800 0680 241



Providing
NHS services



A dedicated team providing 24 hour care, 365 days a year.

We are pleased to announce the opening of a
**New Branch
in Cowbridge**
on Monday 27th March 2017 at
**The Old Barn, Llwyn Helig,
Cowbridge CF71 7FF.**

Contact us at our Brackla branch for further information on 01656 652751.

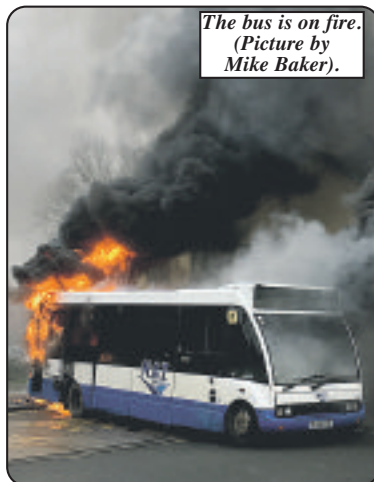


Don't forget to find us on Facebook, for up to date practice news and information.



www.maesglasvets.co.uk

AM raises safety concerns after blaze



The bus is on fire.
(Picture by Mike Baker).

A LOCAL bus caught fire last Thursday, just after 9.30am on Thursday, March 16, at the bus station behind Cowbridge Town Hall.

The bus is operated by New Adventure Travel and there were no reports of any passengers being on the bus at the time.

However, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has voiced his concerns. He said it was vital that a proper

investigation was made to determine the cause of the incident and to ensure that any necessary changes take place.

Mr Davies said: "This may have been an isolated incident, but it is nonetheless serious that a bus caught fire and it is vital it is investigated properly."

"We must get to the bottom of the incident to put passengers' minds at rest and ensure that they can travel safely."

A spokesman for New Adventure Travel said: "The incident is currently under investigation".

News from the apiary at Fonmon

WINTER is definitely giving way to spring and the colonies are busy foraging on the catkins, celandines, and even the few dandelions that are appearing.

All of the colonies, with the exception of No 3 look vigorous; so far, no colony has been opened up and at the first opportunity (sunny dry day) No 3 will be opened and assessed. There are bees in this colony coming and going, but they appear somewhat sluggish.

Losses during winter are not unusual, not all colonies have the vigour to withstand the winter slowdown.

It has to be remembered that honeybees do not hibernate as do other members of the bee world.

Given temperatures around 10°C, they will venture outside of the hive. These days, there always seems to be something in flower for the bees to find and each external investigation requires the expenditure of energy; this is supplied from the stores within the hive, i.e. honey or pollen.

However, outside sources of food are not guaranteed, and the beekeeper must ensure that each colony has

sufficient stores to see them through the months of reduced external energy sources. Let us not forget that the honeybee's principal task is as a pollinator – and not to provide honey for the beekeeper!

Flowers produce nectar and pollen as an inducement to all pollinators and in doing so, ensure the survival of not only their species, but that of the insects doing the pollinating.

Given fair weather, the honeybee works very assiduously and will continue to do so with no period reached when they say 'that is enough!'

If the blooms are out there and the weather remains kind, the colonies accumulate more than they require to see them through the winter, and this excess can be utilised by yours truly, the beekeeper!

But all in the garden is not rosy!

The countryside is much depleted when it comes to flora and fauna. The reduction in insect numbers can be gauged by the fact that these days very few motorists have to spend time cleaning dead insects from their windscreens.

What are we going to do about this sad state of affairs?

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Barry pupils will set off to volunteer in Sri Lanka

ON July 1, Barry Comprehensive School's Team Sri Lanka 2017 will be departing for the Gampaha district of Sri Lanka.

Instead of heading for the beach, the group of sixth form students and teachers will be volunteering their time to teach in a local school and visit orphanages, a deaf and blind school and various other institutions that house vulnerable people.

The team's fundraising goal is £10,000 and part of this money will be used to purchase teaching materials, toys, sports equipment and art and crafts materials, for the Help Lanka charity and the children and adults that they will meet during the trip.

Alun Cairns MP, a

supporter and donor to Help Lanka, recently visited the school to speak to the sixth formers about their upcoming trip and to pledge his support to the fundraising effort.

During his visit, he talked about his own recollections of the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004 that gave rise to the charity and watched a presentation from last year's touring party.

Mr Cairns said: "It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm the students had for helping others in need so far away. Their dedication is truly impressive."

In order to meet their fundraising goal, the team is looking for local businesses and key stakeholders to sponsor or donate gifts in aid of a number of upcoming fundraising events.

These include a Race

Night at the school on March 24 a quiz night, a pop up car wash, a summer ball and a car boot sale.

If you are interested in attending or sponsoring a horse, race or table at the upcoming Race Night, or getting involved in another event, contact Damon Williams or Charlotte Bowkett at Barry Comprehensive School on 01446 411411.

£75,000 to 'help Vale recycle more'

THE Welsh Government is awarding £75,000 to the Vale Council to help increase the amount of waste it recycles and ensure Wales remains ahead of the rest of the UK when it comes to recycling.

The funding will be used to "invest in new technologies to update recycling methods, increase recycling rates and improve value for money".

The Welsh Government is providing up to £3 million funding to eight local authorities across Wales through its 'Collaborative Change' programme.

The announcement comes as a new report puts Wales as the 'third best recycling nation in the world'.

Business is Booming on Bridgend's Industrial Estates
Professionals - Just a stone's throw away

It pays to check out Bridgend's estate experts!

THERE is no getting away from the fact that the name 'industrial estate' brings to mind factories and the like – but there is much more to the industrial estates around Bridgend than manufacturing facilities.

The wide variety of businesses now operating from these bases have made such estates an important part of the south Wales retail mix.

After all, Bridgend's proximity to the M4 means that it is well within the range of customers from the east and west – customers who would not normally pencil in Bridgend.

The result is that more and more businesses believe

that basing themselves on one of Bridgend's industrial estates is a great way of making themselves available to a wide population.

They factor in the probability of attracting customers from Swansea (to the west) and Cardiff (to the east) when deciding to come to Bridgend.

This was certainly a factor for Dainton Self Storage, who can be found in the Coity Road Industrial Estate.

Dainton has taken the concept of self storage and has added a host of other features that can help local businesses.

For so many growing businesses (and established ones too) flexibility is the key, and Dainton offer a number of services with this mind.

They even have 'start up' office space available, and supply

portable buildings too. (For full details, see the advert on the facing page.)

Industrial estates around Bridgend come in different shapes and sizes, but the Bridgend Industrial estate is surely the biggest.

In World War Two, it was the home of the massive armaments factory that was Bridgend's contribution to the war effort.

The estate is flat, with good roads and a 'retail quarter' – although many businesses outside that quarter also welcome retail customers.

Space means that businesses can show their products to its best advantage, and this is another reason why industrial estates are becoming so popular in this day and age.

(CONTINUED ON FACING PAGE).

You're in safe hands at Bridgend Dental Surgery

BRIDGEND Dental Surgery is a private practice, opened in April 2016 by experienced practitioners, Dr Zoe Clarke and Colin Rees.

The practice boasts excellent, modern facilities; parking right outside and easy access.

Colin, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, has

over 25 years of experience in general dentistry and also in oral surgery and implantology, and we offer a comprehensive dental service at the practice.

We welcome all new patients, feel we cater for nervous patients especially well, and have facilities to carry out dentistry at home for those who can't make it to the practice.

Call in and see us soon!

BRIDGEND DENTAL SURGERY
Call today on 01656 856 292
bridgenddentalsurgery@gmail.com

- Non corporate practice
- Modern facilities
- Free parking
- Groundfloor surgeries
- Patient focused treatment
- Dental implants
- Minor oral surgery
- Full care plans start from £13.73

Unit 54,
Bank Buildings
Bridgend Retail Quarter
Bridgend Industrial Estate
CF31 3SB

optis your dental plans

NOTICE TO MEMBERS of Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union Ltd Annual General Meeting

To be held on Thursday 30th March 2017 from 7pm, at the Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre, Merfield Close, Sarn, Bridgend, CF32 9SW.

Nomination forms and further details available by contacting 01656 729912.

Janice Lewis, Secretary,
On behalf of Board Of Directors.
(www.blscu.co.uk)

Nominate your Tenovus volunteer

NOMINATIONS for the 2017 Tenovus Cancer Care Volunteer Awards are now open.

The annual awards recognise the contribution of volunteers to Tenovus Cancer Care and the difference they make to the lives of cancer patients and their loved ones. The charity has almost 2,000 volunteers across the country.

There are seven award categories, five of which are based on the values of Tenovus Cancer Care: Creative, Respectful, Bold, Supportive and Inspiring.

Awards are also k

presented for Young Volunteer of the Year, a Group award, and an overall award for Volunteer of the Year.

If there's a volunteer you admire for their commitment and dedication to Tenovus Cancer Care, nominate them by visiting www.tenovuscancercare.org.uk or call at your nearest Tenovus Cancer Care shop.

If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, Tenovus Cancer Care can offer help and support. To find out more call the Tenovus Cancer Care free Support Line on 0808 808 1010 or visit tenovuscancercare.org.uk

Business is Booming on Bridgend's Industrial Estates

Professionals - Just a stone's throw away

Putting customers first is second nature to traders

(CONTINUED FROM
FACING PAGE)

One company that made the move from the town centre to a trading estate, are Riverside Hardware – and they have never looked back.

It was 16 years ago that they settled in the Bridgend Industrial Estate, opening a massive warehouse of 7,500 sq ft, and a combination of word of mouth and advertising soon brought customers from as far afield as Newport, Brecon, Cardiff and Pontypridd.

The company even exports to Sri Lanka.

Owner Ryan Woodbridge told The GEM that the key had been a comprehensive stock covering general engineering, from tools to fasteners. (For more details, see their advert on page 18).

He said: "We have grown and are now the largest supplier of Draper Tools in the area, and are a premier dealer for

Napoleon Barbecues.

"We are also the fastest-growing Calor gas dealer in south Wales."

A more recent arrival, also at Bridgend Industrial Estate, is Celtic Fires.

Director Matt Richards told The GEM that they were approaching their second 'birthday' in Bridgend (in July), and that their performance on the estate had exceeded expectations.

He said: "As more and more people have got to know about us, and realised what we had to offer, we have been really busy."

He added that, of course, winter was always the busiest time, but that spring and summer was a very good time to plan ahead.

Matt said: "Trends do change so we have to be adaptable, but customers value the professional advice they get here."

"At the moment, our most popular lines are

wood-burning fires, and high-end gas fires."

(For more details, see their advert below).

In contrast, Action Doors have been on the Bridgend Industrial Estate for 25 years, and they have used that time to build up a massive stock of garage doors and associated spare parts – not forgetting the expertise that comes with all those years in the business.

Director Adrian Collins feels their time on the estate has been well spent and – to celebrate that 25th anniversary – Action Doors is offering a 25 per cent discount on all products – just one more reason to pay a visit!

Bridgend Industrial Estate has its own retail quarter, of course, and that is where you will find the Bridgend Dental Surgery, which opened in April 2016.

Dr Zoe Clarke and Colin Rees have years of experience between them,

and their decision to invest in modern premises speaks volumes for their confidence in their new location.

For too long, some potential customers of any business on an industrial estate have been put off by the outdated image of such estates. (For more details, see their advert on the facing page.)

Bridgend is dotted with modern estates, where so many businesses ply their trade – all offering easy free parking and good facilities to customers they value.

In return, you get none of the hassle of 'town centre shopping' and what's more, you never know what other business you will spot as you travel around the estate.

The world of retail is constantly changing, but the key is still finding expertise and good value – and there is plenty to be found around Bridgend!

Action Doors can call on 25 years of experience

ACTION DOORS are based in Bridgend, but their 25 years in business means that they have specialist teams who cover all of south Wales.

They offer installations, or supply only, on all makes of residential garage doors, and have a 24-hour emergency repair service.

At the factory and head office at Bridgend Industrial Estate, Our sales and garage door servicing team are on hand to offer friendly, impartial advice on replacement garage doors and on any new build installations.

Keeping a large stock of spares for all major garage and industrial door manufacturers is something that Action Doors regards as very important.

The company specialises in electric garage doors and offers realistic prices for electric conversions.

They also manufacture roller shutter doors and, with the introduction of their own in-house forming mill, they can provide a same day repair service for most impact damaged doors.

For a free, no obligation quotation on all new garage or industrial doors, please call the head office on 01656 659274.

SOUTH WALES' LEADING INDUSTRIAL DOOR MANUFACTURERS

actiondoors
GARAGE DOOR
SPECIALISTS

www.actiondoors.com

**10% OFF with production or
mention of this GEM advert**



01656 659274
01446 439214

Keltic fires
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS

Premier Fire & Fireplace Showroom

SUPPLIERS OF: • Gas, Electric & Solid Fuel Fires

• Solid Timber Beams & Mantels • High Quality Marble & Stone Surround



Open: Monday-Thursday 9.30am - 5.30pm. Friday 9.30am - 4pm. Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm.
Sunday Appointment only.

Call 01656 655984

Unit 2, New Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3UD

f Keltic Fires LTD

www.kelticfires.co.uk



@KelticFires

Dainton Self Storage: Helping local businesses with commercial storage, office space, and support services

DAINTON Self Storage offer their business customers more than just commercial storage. The secure and flexible drive-up storage units are certainly popular with all kinds of businesses, from tradesmen to retailers.

However Dainton can also provide office space, archive storage and forklift facilities for unloading deliveries. With staff on site during reception opening hours, businesses can have post and deliveries sent to Dainton Self Storage too.

Businesses take advantage of Dainton's commercial services to store seasonal stock, office furniture, paperwork and more. There is secure storage for vehicles and machinery, while small businesses use the storage units as distribution points.

Dainton's Coity Road site also has 12 offices that are aimed at helping Bridgend's budding entrepreneurs, start-up companies and small businesses.

Dainton's Bridgend manager, Darren Griffiths, said: "Many small businesses and

start-ups outgrow their home premises and need more space to expand.

"We can provide those businesses with the opportunity for growth without the overheads of crippling business rates or being locked into a long-term contract."

"We understand that flexibility and competitiveness are key to small and medium sized businesses, so we

offer commercial services to support our storage customers and office tenants."

In addition, Dainton also supply portable buildings and storage containers for sale and hire.

The portable buildings come in all shapes and sizes, can be used on building sites as welfare units, kitchens, toilets and shower blocks and

they make excellent additional space for use as a classroom, office space, pop up shop or cafe.

And, if you have a portable building to sell, Dainton are happy to buy it from you, or to accept it in part-exchange.

Visit dainton.com, call 01656 750293 or visit us at Coity Road, Bridgend, CF31 1NS.

dainton
Self Storage

2 MONTHS FREE BUSINESS STORAGE!

Call 01656 750293, email bridgend@dainton.com or visit us at Coity Road, Bridgend, CF31 1NS

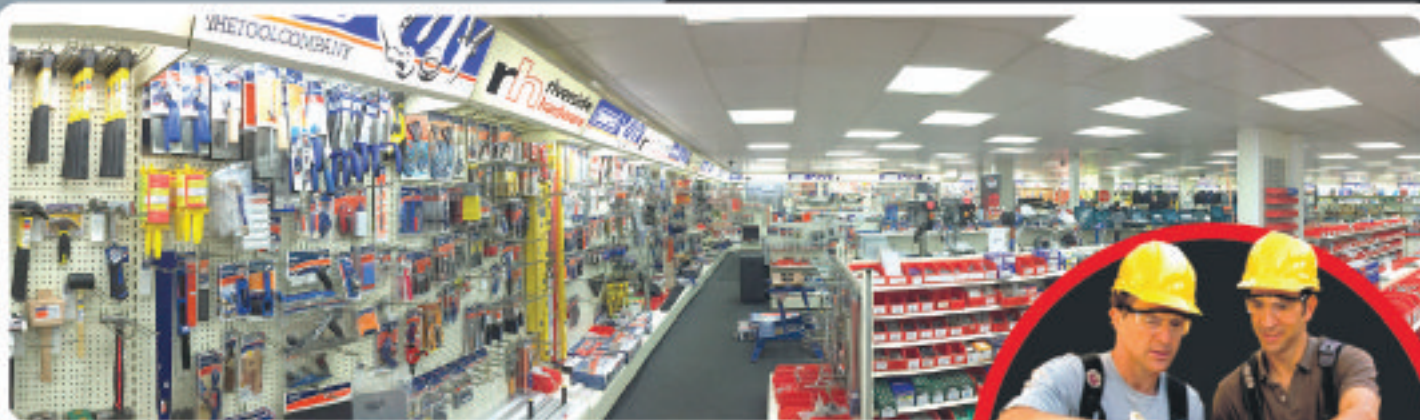
*Min 6 month storage period. Offer applies to all units. Applies to commercial storage only, subject to availability. Excludes units of units & may be withdrawn at any time. Ask a specialist for full conditions.

OFFICES NOW AVAILABLE TO LET

WALES' ONE AND ONLY PREMIER INDUSTRIAL SUPERSTORE...



A ONE STOP ENGINEERING STORE.



**THE ONLY
ENGINEERING
SUPERSTORE!**

Open 6 days a week.
Monday - Friday
7am - 5.30pm.
Saturday 8am - 5pm.

**THE ENGINEERS AND
TRADESMAN'S CHOICE**

FIXINGS & FASTENERS

An extensive range of steel & stainless steel fasteners.



- WORKWEAR
- COMPRESSORS
- WORK TOOLS
- GARDEN TOOLS
- BARBECUES
- GAS FIRES & REFILLS



**BRIDGEND'S
MAIN 
GAS DEALER**

BOTTLED GAS AVAILABLE HERE FOR
ALL YOUR LPG REQUIREMENTS



rh riversidehardware
& engineers supplies

UNIT 3C, NORTH ROAD, BRIDGEND IND. EST.,
BRIDGEND CF31 3TP

TEL: 01656 662449 • FAX: 01656 768375

E-mail: info@riversidehardware.co.uk • Website: www.riversidehardware.co.uk

A NATIONAL ACCOLADE FOR CADOXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL!



Back row: Paige Webber, Bethan Baynhan, Aeron Hicks.
Front row: Zac Merrifield and Jak Fitzpatrick.



Mum Jo Burns with daughter Evie-Jean.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS, 1999 RHEOLIADAU CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF (ASESIAD EFFAITH AMGYLCHEDDOL) (CYMRU A LLOEGR), 1999

NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, as Local Planning Authority, has determined the following application(s), having taken into account the information contained within the Environmental Impact Assessment accompanying the application(s):

Rhoddir HYSBYSIAD drwy hyn bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, fel Awdurdod Cynllunio Lleol, wedi penderfynu ar y cais/ceisiadau a ganlyn, ar ôl ystyried y wybodaeth yn yr Aseiad Effaith Amgylcheddol sy'n ategu'r cais/ceisiadau canlynol:

Application No./

Rhif y Cais:

Proposal/Cynnig:

2014/00228/EAO

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for access, for development comprising class B1, B2 and B8 uses; a hotel/residential training centre (class C1/C2); and ancillary uses within class A1, A2, A3; associated engineering and ground modelling works and infrastructure, car parking, drainage and access for all uses; provision of infrastructure (including energy centre(s)); landscaping and all ancillary enabling works

Land south of Junction 34, M4, Hensol

Location:/Lleoliad:

Decision:/

Penderfyniad:

Approved 22 June, 2016

Application No./

Rhif y Cais:

Proposal/Cynnig:

2015/00852/FUL

Installation of small scale c. 3MW ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays with inverter houses, switchgear cabin, internal access track, landscaping, fencing, security measures, access gate and ancillary infrastructure

Location:/Lleoliad:

Home Farm, land west of Drope Road, St. Georges Super Ely

Decision:/

Penderfyniad:

Approved 14 January, 2016

Application No./

Rhif y Cais:

Proposal/Cynnig:

2016/00305/RG3

Proposal is for on line improvements to the existing A4226 between Waycock Cross Roundabout in Barry and the lay-by to the north of the Welsh Hawking Centre and an off line new road provision to the east of the existing A4226 which will reconnect with the existing A4226 just to the south of Blackland Farm Land adjacent A4226, Five Mile Lane, Barry

Location:/Lleoliad:

Decision:/

Penderfyniad:

16 December, 2016

Documents and details of the decision, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision was based, may be inspected free of charge in the Planning Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Offices, Barry Docks, Barry. CF63 4RT during normal office hours or via <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gellir archwilio dogfennau a manylion y penderfyniad, y prif resymau a'r ystyriaethau a arweiniodd at y penderfyniad am ddim yn yr Adran Gynllunio, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfa'r Dociau, Dociau y Barri, Y Barri CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol neu <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated: 16 March, 2017

Mrs. V. L. Robinson

Operational Manager Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Dock Office,
Barry Docks,
Barry.
CF63 4RT



A NATIONAL accolade for quality has been awarded to Cadoxton Primary School in Barry for improving the well-being, resilience, and self-esteem of pupils vulnerable to under-achievement.

The Quality Mark Award recognises the impressive work being done by the school to improve progress in reading, writing and maths for all pupils, particularly those with additional learning needs, a spokesperson reports.

The award has been developed by leading education charity Achievement for All (AfA), which offers support programmes to schools and settings to help them improve outcomes in the lowest achieving 20 per cent.

Cadoxton Primary has been working in partnership with Achievement for All since January 2014 and has seen a marked improvement in many aspects, including working with parents on children's targets.

Janet Hayward, headteacher at Cadoxton Primary School, said: "We are delighted to receive the Quality Award as recognition for our hard work and success at closing the gap due to social disadvantage. "Parents and teachers working together, have had a positive impact on the children's progress and self-esteem."

'Scrapping right to buy will hurt aspiration'

— SAYS WELSH TORY LEADER

THE Welsh Government's decision to end the right-to-buy scheme will damage social mobility, South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, claimed this week.

Pointing out that many families in the area had only got on the housing ladder because of the scheme – introduced under Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s – the Welsh Conservative Leader said he feared the scheme would take the opportunity away from future generations.

"There are few prouder moments than owning your own home, and here in the Vale many families were able to do so because of right-to-buy. Without it, home ownership was nothing more than a pipe dream.

"The Welsh Government's decision shows that Labour are the enemies of aspiration. They are putting ideology before helping people get on in life.

"The Welsh Conservatives oppose this short-sighted policy and we will work hard to deliver a Wales that works for everyone."

Advice surgery

THE Court First Independent team will be holding their regular advice surgery this Saturday, March 18, in the community room at Barry Library on King Square.

Couns Richard and Robert Bertin, along with local campaigner Andy Griffiths, will be available to speak to any residents between 2pm and 3pm.

No appointments are necessary.

Bonvilston AGM

THE AGM of Bonvilston Reading Room will be held on Thursday, March 23 at 7.30pm (in the Reading Room) for a review of 2016, the presentation of the accounts and the election of the committee.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.



Bridgend 'Western/National Welsh' 25th anniversary reunion proves a huge success



NATIONAL Welsh Omnibus Services – often referred to as National Welsh – operated in south-east Wales and in the Forest of Dean from 1978 until 1992.

To mark 25 years since the company ceased operations in February 1992, Norman Chinnock, formerly an inspector at National Welsh Bridgend, organised a reunion at Bridgend Railway Club.

Mr Chinnock – who now lives in Scotland – said: "Many thanks to The GEM for helping to make it the success it turned out to be. Over 40 former employees turned out, with ages ranging from 80 plus to young 50s.

"A great night was had by all, with lots of old stories and memories – many that would not have been out of place on the TV series *On The Buses!*"

Macmillan raffle



PENSIONERS living at Arthur Davis Court, in Barry, have held a raffle for Macmillan, in memory of Paul Stringer, a well-respected resident, who died last year.

The raffle was organised by Sandra Rehman, whose strenuous efforts raised £380. She was unable to attend the presentation and was wished a speedy return to health.

The proceeds were presented to Lance Osgood from Macmillan by Chris Murrell.

glamorgan-
gem.co.uk

OPEN WEEKEND TOLD THE STORY OF THE WARTIME ESCAPE FROM HUT 9



PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

OTHER PICTURES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THIS EVENT.

Pictures can be purchased by contacting:

Email: ffotoimage@tiscali.co.uk
Telephone 07791 228684
www.ffotoimage.co.uk



THE site of the former Second World War German prisoner-of-war camp at Island Farm, Bridgend, was opened to the public recently, as the Hut 9 Preservation Group staged their first open weekend of 2017, on March 11-12.

A total of 630 visitors took the opportunity to visit the scene of the famous 'German Great Escape' and were entertained by volunteers, who told them more about the history of the site. The former World War Two camp is sealed to visitors for much of the time, but several times each year the locked doors of the hut from which this escape was made, are opened to allow hundreds of visitors a rare look inside this unique building.

Members of the Hut 9 Preservation Group and over 50 'living historians', dressed in period uniforms, gave talks and guided tours inside the hut. A number of period military vehicles were also on site. Military historians were on hand to tell visitors about the history of the buildings, from their occupation by female workers at the nearby ordnance factory to the housing of hundreds of German prisoners of war. Also on display were original wall paintings made by the occupants over 70 years ago and rescued from some of the now-demolished huts.

Brett Exton gave illustrated talks on the history of the site, and Dr Jonathan Hicks told visitors about the work of the group since its formation in 2012, and also gave an insight into that famous night in March 1945 when 70 German prisoners made their bid for freedom.

A spokesman said: "Every penny donated by visitors at these special openings is spent on improving the visitor experience. In the last two years, under the guidance of group member Wayne Gill, the group has renovated a nearby derelict building to convert it into a visitor centre and this building now contains a re-creation of the night that 70 Germans escaped through a tunnel dug from one of the rooms in Hut 9."

The group has also worked hard to kit out the rooms inside Hut 9 to give visitors an insight into its fascinating past and another newly-furnished room was opened for the first time for this event.

A replica guard tower has been constructed by the group and a replica NAAFI café, staffed by volunteers, provided refreshments, while group member Stel Anthony recorded the memories of visitors who remembered the site in its heyday.

Dr Hicks said: "It was apparent from the hundreds of positive comments made by our visitors that they value the work we have done to keep alive this important piece of Welsh history. The open weekend was fully booked up months in advance, which gives some idea of the scale of public interest in this historic site."

"All 300 tickets for our June 10 event have already been reserved. I am now taking bookings for our October event, and half of the 600 tickets have already been snapped up. The interest in our work is phenomenal."

Donations to the Hut 9 voluntary group, which is seeking to ensure the future of the site, are welcomed and allow the group to make even more improvements to the building and surrounding area.

To reserve a place on the Hut 9 tours on October 7 and 8, email Dr Hicks at: bookings@hut9.org.uk. Details of the tours are also available via the group's website: www.hut9.org.uk.



Copthorne CARDIFF

— Mother's Day —

3 Course Sunday Lunch and a gift for Mum



£24.95

Booking essential

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

**£19.95 inc.
glass of Prosecco**

Booking essential

Please pre book quoting GEM to qualify.
Pre-payment required.



Copthorne Hotel, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff.
02920 599100

GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'The people of Barry unite!'

ON Saturday, February 4, I was lucky enough to be one of the 750 or so ticket holders who attended what can be only described as the best night out in a long while.

The relatively unheard-of Vale Sports Arena off Penarth Road hosted the first of many (I hope) well-executed, accessible, and superb events. It is an excellent

venue.

'Keyboard Warriors' started off as a bit of friendly banter via social media. Jamie Butler and Jimmy Camilleri – two well-known local Barry boys – began something so big no one could have predicted its enormity and success.

Under the steady guidance and unwavering professionalism of Alan Lamb, local baker and well known boxing coach, along with corner

men Lee Froud and Leon Lamb, and their teams, they took each other on in the ring!

It was all for charity – rather than me!

Among those in the teams taking part were Jamie Butler, Jimmy Camilleri, Glenn Price, Steven Davies, Dean Brailsford, Michael Cutajar, Casey Thompson, Will Lewis, Dean Lewis, Nathan Cayton, Andrew Hurley, Kyed Ahmed, Nigel Batt, Gareth Griffiths, Steen Ross, Neil Avient, Ryan Batt, Milan Bjegovic, Anthony Lewis and Mikey Harris.

The evening was superbly organised and the atmosphere electric. Local people volunteered their skills and helped out in all areas, such as security, tickets sales, donating raffle prizes and selling raffle tickets, marshalling and staffing the bars at the actual venue.

However, we mustn't forget the lads who trained so hard to raise a staggering £13,060 for the local, and very worthy charity Ty Hafan.

Jamie Butler's mum works for Ty Hafan, so he has seen all too well how heavily the hospice relies on donations such as this.

So the next time you hear people making unfounded derogatory remarks about Barry – please remind them that just under 1,000, essentially Barry and district people, gathered that night to support these brave lads and there wasn't a hint of trouble.

In fact, all the comments and feedback I have heard are of unending praise and positivity of what can be achieved – remember when it matters, Barry people unite – FACT.

Well done, everyone! I speak on behalf of most people, I am sure, when I say you are all champions in our eyes.

Win, lose or draw, you all deserve a medal. I for one am immensely proud of Barry town and its people!

When is the next one then, boys? I can't wait!
Emma Jane Brown
(a supporter of Barry)

'UNELECTED LORDS TRYING TO THWART DEMOCRATIC WILL OF THE PEOPLE'

DESPITE being on opposite sides of the argument when it comes to the democratic choice of Great Britain to leave the EU, I am happy to say that both Ian Perry and I agree on one point: the Government is failing us, and miserably.

Although personally campaigning to remain in the EU, the PM, Theresa May does seem to be working towards carrying out the will of the people and implementing our wish to leave this political project.

However, had she not delayed and actually started the process last June then much of the delaying tactics that the Government now faces would not have been able to formulate.

The date for 'pressing the Article 50 button' she said was 2017. Then it slid to March 2017, and

now it's the end of March 2017.

The unelected cronies in the once respected House of Lords, many of whom have EU pensions, are also doing their best to undermine our negotiation position and tie the elected MPs' hands.

Our once proud fishing industry is also being let down, and looks to be sacrificed as a pawn during negotiations.

Now we see remaners spending £70k on posters saying: 'We didn't vote for this'.

That message works both ways, as we never voted for what the EU has now become, and wants to be in the future.

Why does what was mooted as a free trade area want to push to have its own army – and if the rumours are correct, its own nuclear weapons?

This is scary stuff, and Europe needs to do all it can to stop this before it gets out of hand.

A vote for Brexit was a step in the right direction, and a French 'Frexit' followed by a Dutch 'Nexit' will further help to scupper Juncker's military plans.

Personally, I wish they'd spent their cash on providing some shelter for Cardiff's record homeless, rather than fighting a battle that has long since moved on. Which brings me to why in my letter I quoted a figure from the BBC, which itself seems intent, just like Mr Perry, on fighting once more that same battle.

The country voted to leave the EU: now our Government need to simply get on and do the job we asked them to do.
Ade Pitman, Barry.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Legal advice
AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session on Tuesday, March 21 from 10am to 12 pm at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you are worried about a legal matter (other than criminal law) come along and have a chat to a member of a legal team. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Art exhibition
THERE will be an open studio on Saturday and Sunday, March 25-26. Free admission, tea and coffee; all welcome.

Call 07854375891 or see www.glynpooley.com for further details.

'PARK TIDY!' CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED



Coun King (left) and a civil parking enforcement officer launch the campaign.

A NEW campaign has been launched to tackle problem parking in the Vale.

Throughout 2017, the Vale Council will be encouraging all drivers to 'Park Tidy!' as part of the campaign which will run across social media.

Coun Peter King, cabinet member for building Services, Highways and Transportation, said: "We know that inconsiderate and dangerous parking is a source of great frustration for Vale residents.

"As is so often the case, it is only a small minority who put others at risk. This campaign aims to do two things.

"First, highlight the dangers of inappropriate parking to prompt people to think twice before doing it. Second, make it easier for responsible

motorists to report problem parking and in turn for us to take action as a result of it.

"Typical hotspots for irresponsible parking are outside schools and near busy junctions. These will be areas that we will focus on.

"We also plan to raise awareness of the difficulties that parking across dropped kerbs and on pavements can cause for others. We hope that by showing drivers how to Park Tidy, we can reduce incidences of inconsiderate parking in the Vale, and with this the need for enforcement action."

Problem parking in the Vale can be reported online
www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/parking or by calling Contact One Vale on 01446 700111.

'Bollards for Barry' backed by Bertin

BARRY councillor Richard Bertin has joined local residents calling for bollards to be installed at either end of a footpath in the town.

Residents living around Maple Close and Longmeadow Drive are calling for bollards to be installed to stop vehicles driving down the footpath near their property.

Coun Bertin (Independent) reported that one resident, Andrew Davies, felt the Vale Council needed to install the bollards as vehicles have been driving down

the path dangerously, while pedestrians and children use the path as a short cut to Dyfan Road.

Another resident, Gerald Whitaker, was also supporting calls for the council to take urgent action adding that it was only a matter of time before "something seriously happens to people using the path."

Coun Bertin said: "I fully support the residents in their campaign to have these bollards installed.

Having been to visit the site I can understand just how much of a problem this is."

He is now going to approach the Vale Council on the matter.

VALE PACT

GIBBONS DOWN – meet your local neighbourhood team at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry every Monday between 10am and 12 noon.

BUTTRILLS PACT at the Town Council Offices, Barry Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, Barry on Thursday, March 16 at 6.30pm.

CASTLELAND PACT at Morrisons Supermarket on Saturday, March 18 at 10am.

ST BRIDES coffee and chat at the Fox and Hounds, St Brides on Thursday, March 30 at 11am.

For the latest news from your area, visit our website - glamorgan-gem.co.uk

GUERNSEY SALE! SAVE UP TO 20%*

Save up to 20%* off our new Cardiff to Guernsey service and truly get away from it all. Book by 19 March 2017. Terms apply. Peidiwch â cholli allan!

Book now at flybe.com



The fastest way from A to **flybe.**

*Fares are one way including taxes and charges, only available on flybe.com, subject to availability. Route operated by Blue Islands. Book by midnight on 19.03.17 for travel between 2.05.17 and 30.09.2017 inclusive. Any ticket/itinerary changes may be subject to collection of the difference between the discounted fare and the full fare, plus itinerary change fees. Discount cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. No debit card fees apply. Bookings made by credit card or PayPal will incur a fee of 3% of the total transaction value, with a minimum charge of £5.00 per booking.

CARDIFF ROAD, BARRY**INDUSTRIAL ESTATES***More than meets the eye!***SHOWROOM NOW OPEN**

AT UNIT 10, PALMERSTON WORKSHOPS,
BARRY CF63 2YZ (NEAR VFM MEAT SUPPLIES)

**ARTIFICIAL GRASS from £9.99sq m**

10 year colour guarantee • Ideal to go onto any surface
No pollen • No cutting • No maintenance • Pet friendly
We also provide an installation service.

**Sometimes the grass is greener on the otherside
Because its FAKE!**

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK.**

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm, Sunday 9am-1pm.

01446 327577/07973 709103 FREE ESTIMATES
www.lawnnationconcepts.co.uk

Lawn Nation Concepts

– showroom is open
seven days a week

ARE you sick of having to maintain your lawn all summer long? Are you tired of muddy footprints, pawprints and mess?

A Lawn Nation Concepts spokesman explains: "Artificial lawns look fantastic. Their ease of installation and aesthetic appeal mean they really are the perfect choice when looking for a low maintenance solution to a conventional lawn."

"Our staff at Lawn Nation Concepts will be glad to address any query you might have

about what we have to offer as experienced imitation grass suppliers."

"At Lawn Nation Concepts Ltd, we offer four products in varying thicknesses that you can choose from, all of which are made to the highest quality, and are available for a range of budgets."

"Our products start at a 35mm thick woven material and increase in depth from here."

"No more weekends pushing a lawn mower around – no more spending your free time fighting a losing battle with your garden."

"Artificial lawns are

the low maintenance solution to a lawn that always looks fantastic and feels great."

"The advantages are numerous: year-long green lawn; no maintenance, watering or mowing; safe for children; affordable; and can be laid over any surface."

The showroom is open seven days a week Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat and Sun, 9am-1pm. Unit 10, Palmerston Workshops, Barry, CF63 2YZ; www.lawnnationconcept.co.uk.

Looking to advertise in over
45,000 newspapers and online?
Then get in touch with us - call
01446 774484 or email
sales@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

BMW IZE LTD

- Specialists in BMW
- Repairs & Servicing for all makes and models.
- Free service checks.
- MOT

Unit 12, Palmerston Workshops,
Palmerston Road, Barry CF63 2YZ
Tel: 07968 102313
E-Mail: bmwizebarry@hotmail.co.uk

Baker's Baguettes

WELL established for eight years, Baker's Baguettes, owned by Angela Baker, is open on Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 3pm, and serves a great range of breakfasts, jacket potatoes, paninis, omelettes, meals and drinks.

Angela said: "We provide a service for people who work on the estate and visitors, but members of the public are welcome too. Over time, we have had more and more passer-by."

Baker's Baguettes is situated on the left hand side on the main road into the estate.

Accessible self-storage is alive and kicking!

Masons offer 24/7 accessible self-storage.

MASONS Self Storage Ltd are proud to announce the only 24/7 accessible self-storage operation in Wales is alive and kicking – with plenty of business and domestic customers making use of the brilliant facilities available to them.

With 24/7 access, cargo lifts, self storage rooms and containers ranging from 12 sq ft up to 1,000 sq ft, state-of-the-art CCTV/security, trailer hire, and 14 days notice to cancel, they really do have the most flexible

storage options around.

...Not forgetting the trailer hire option – there's always a full move-in package available to help reduce the most stressful elements of all – moving and storing!

With 25 years' worth of experience, they really do provide full expertise to ensure customers are happy and receive the support they need – with a very special offer available – 50 per cent off your first eight weeks storage!

For a free quote, call 0800 533 5708, email info@masonselfstorage.co.uk or visit the website www.masonselfstorage.co.uk.

50 per cent off your first month's office rental!

THE Business Centre (Cardiff) Ltd is the only fully-serviced office accommodation in the Vale of Glamorgan, and we are the sole providers of modern, flexible office space – with car parking, meeting room hire, conference facilities and a range of business support services on site – to meet your every need.

Serviced office suites range from one to 14 people, with an all-inclusive

monthly rental – including utility bills, business rates, 24/7 access, furniture, high-speed broadband, telephone lines, reception services, gym facilities plus much more.

It all starts from £165 plus vat per month, with 50 per cent off your first month's office rental. We take care of you while you take care of your business!

For a free quote, or to view the facilities, call 01446 739911, email James@thebusinesscentreonline.co.uk or head to the website, www.thebusinesscentreonline.co.uk.

the businesscentre
flexible serviced offices

The Ideal Home For Your Business

50% OFF* Your 1st Months Rental - Offices Available

0800 634 9920

Email: enquiries@theBusinessCentreOnline.co.uk
www.theBusinessCentreOnline.co.uk/contactus

The Business Centre (Cardiff) Ltd, Cardiff House, Cardiff Road, Barry, CF63 2BW

Baker's Baguettes **OPEN TO ALL**
Mon-Fri 7.30am-3pm

CELEBRATING 8 YEARS!

Sandwiches, Baguettes, Filled Rolls, Paninis, Jacket Potatoes, Pies, Pasties & Salad Pots, Hot & Cold Drinks. Daily Specials – Hot Roast Beef, Chicken Curry, Rice and Chips, etc. Full Breakfasts and Breakfast Rolls, ..plus lots

Unit 9 Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry, CF63 2BE
Tel. 01446 421405 07779 661980

Edson Print – you ask, we deliver

EDSON PRINT (SERVICES) LTD is a family business with over 50 years of experience in the printing trade, which, along with our attention to detail, makes us one of the leading local and regional printers.

We are experts at producing all types of high quality, affordable, digital and lithographic printed materials.

From single colour jobs, short-run letterheads, business cards, brochures, presentation folders and catalogues to large-run, full-colour bespoke marketing materials, we will work with you to produce exactly what you need.

You ask. We deliver. It's that simple.
"We do what we say when we say".

edson
PRINT
Commercial & Colour Printers

Edson Print (Services) Ltd
11 Palmerston Workshops,
Palmerston Road, Barry,
Vale of Glamorgan CF63 2YZ
T: 01446 722055
E: info@edson-print.co.uk
W: edson-print.co.uk

MASONS
SELF STORAGE

STORAGE THAT NEVER SLEEPS

- 24-hour access, 365 days per year
- State of the art lifts to upper floors
- Fully alarmed facility with 24hr CCTV
- Wide range of Secure rooms from 20sqft to 1000sqft
- Flexible storage periods: long or short term
- Insurance cover offered
- External Container Storage
- Mobile Storage: from your door to store. No need to hire a van!
- Packaging Supplies: Boxes, Bubble wrap, Tape

FOR A FREE QUOTE CALL 0800 141 3689
E: info@masonselfstorage.co.uk | www.masonselfstorage.co.uk
Masons Self Storage, The Storage Centre, Priority Enterprise Park, Cardiff Rd, Barry, CF63 2BG

Dinas Windows at your service

DINAS WINDOWS have been in business for 29 years, serving the Vale and surrounding area.

Our name is well known in the local area as being a reliable and efficient company with customers returning time and time again and recommending us on the way.

As a company, we always strive to do the best we can when fitting our windows, doors and conservatories, which are all manufactured at our premises in Barry.

We are introducing new products all the time, so why not ask for a brochure for a new composite door with many colours to choose from?

Dinas Windows also do repair work to

windows and doors and replacement conservatories and porches.

Whatever your choice of windows, doors or conservatories, come to Dinas Windows for a free no-obligation quotation today – and know you are dealing with a reliable local

business that is the best. We would like to thank all our customers, past and present, for supporting Dinas Windows and hope that they will continue to do so in the future.

Please call 01446 749055 or 0800 0260587 (24 hours).

CARDIFF ROAD, BARRY



INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

More than meets the eye!

Cardio Core Fitness can get you in shape!

CARDIO CORE FITNESS is a community-based, family-run fitness centre that offers classes for the whole family, which has just been

nominated for the responsible business award 2017 for the Vale of Glamorgan.

With more than 58 classes a week and an unlimited women-only Hydra gym upstairs, class numbers are capped to give members that personal touch, so that instructors know them on a first name basis.

We have a state-of-the-art unique IQNITER training system that monitors your heart rate and calorie expenditure, brand new StairMaster, cross trainer, rower and treadmill, power rack, Olympic bar, dumbbells, and heavy kettlebells.

We also have monthly body fat analysis and measurements, plus guidance with nutrition and macros; 24/7 access with the best variety of classes and the best trainers around.

We push you to your limits and get results. All ages and abilities welcome – all this for only £30 per month; Hydra gym is only £19 a month.

DINAS WINDOWS LTD

'A family company you can trust'
Est. 1988

BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME THIS SPRING WITH...



- New windows
- Doors • Composite doors
- Fascia, Soffits & Guttering
- Replacement Conservatories & Porches • Repair work to windows & doors.



Call us now for a free no obligation quotation on 01446 749055 or Freephone 0800 0260587 (24 hrs).

Unit 16, Ty-Verlon Industrial Estate, Cardiff Road, Barry.
www.dinaswindows.co.uk

Cardio Core fitness

CARDIO CORE FITNESS TIMETABLE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
06:00	Bootcamp	Kettlebell & Yoga	Yoga	Spin	Pump		
08:00	Bootcamp		Spin	Bootcamp	Spin		
09:15	YOGA	Spin	Yoga	Bootcamp	YOGA	Spin 9:00	Spin 9:00
10:00	Kettle	Kettlebell	YOGA	YOGA	Kettle	YOGA	YOGA
11:15		Urban Bootcamp	Urban Bootcamp	Urban Bootcamp			
12:15	Adult & Kids Rebound		Adults and Kids Rebound				
17:00	Kettle	Bootcamp 17:15		Spin 17:15	Metal		Bootcamp
17:30	Kettle and Yoga		YOGA	YOGA	YOGA		Spin 17:45
18:00	Kettle	YOGA	YOGA	YOGA	YOGA		
18:30	YOGA	YOGA	YOGA	YOGA	YOGA		
19:00	Kettle	Kettlebell	YOGA	YOGA	YOGA		
19:30	Urban Bootcamp	Spin 19:15		YOGA			

Unit 2c and 2d, Palmersvale Business Centre, Barry CF63 2XA
For more info: www.cardiocorefitness.co.uk Sarah: 07943 825 499

VFM

DISCOUNT MEAT AND FROZEN FOOD SUPERSTORE

Quality butchers meat at the lowest prices guaranteed

VFM's MIXED MEATS HAMPER



4x Chicken fillets, 4x pork steaks, 4x VFM beefburgers, 2x sirloin steaks, 450g minced beef pack, 4x Chinese chicken portions, 4x BBQ flavour chicken portions & 2x 8oz gammon steaks.

PLUS A FREE BREAKFAST PACK
8x VFM pork sausages, 6x back bacon rashers, 6x local eggs, ring of black pudding, pack of hash browns, tin of baked beans.

Offers available until Sunday 16th April 2017.

VFM's BARBEQUE HAMPER



12x jumbo sausages, 4x VFM beefburgers, 8x American burgers, 10x Chinese drumsticks, 10x Bar-B-Q flavour Drumsticks, 4x peppered pork steaks, 4x hot & spicy pork sticks, 6x minty lamb grill sticks, 6x flavoured meaty grill steaks, 1/2 kilo Chinese Pork Ribs.

FREE EXTRAS
12x Hot Dog Rolls, 8x Large Burger Buns, 500ml Barbeque Sauce, 1.5ltr of Pepsi

Offers available until Sunday 16th April 2017.

NEW £40 LOW FAT MEAT HAMPER WITH FREE EXTRAS...

What you get...16 Chicken Breast Fillets, 4 Rump Steaks, 600g Turkey Breast Steaks, 2x 400g Extra Lean Minced Beef (90% lean), 4x Pork Steaks, 8x Low Fat Pork Sausages (90% Lean) & 12 Fresh Eggs.

PLUS FREE WITH THIS HAMPER... 8x Low Fat Chicken & Garlic Sausages, 4x Chicken Tikka Kebabs, & 2x Piri Piri Chicken Breast Fillets.

Offers available until Sunday 16th April 2017.



MEAT HAMPERS now being delivered throughout the Vale... Call 01446 721206 to order.

NEW LATER OPENING HOURS..
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm. Sat 8am-6pm.
Sun 9am-3pm. **Plenty of Parking.**

UNIT 5, PALMERSVALE BUSINESS CENTRE, PALMERSTON ROAD, BARRY CF63 2XA. 01446 721206.

HOW TO FIND US...

Turn at traffic lights at Dow Corning and head up Palmerston Road, turn left just before Waitrose, then follow the yellow VFM signs. Set your sat nav to CF63 2XA.

EXTRA FREE GIFT FOR GEM READERS WHEN YOU BUY A HAMPER INSTORE

Choose a pack of 6x VFM QUARTER POUND BURGERS or 8x VFM FLAVOURED SAUSAGES.

Offers available until Sunday 16th April 2017.



For all your car part and accessory needs



- Accessories • Exhausts
- Steering/Suspension
- Engine Parts
- Rotating Electrics
- Clutch Components
- Service Items
- Oils & Lubricants
- Transmission Parts
- Braking

BARRY BRANCH

LDS House, Cardiff Road,
Barry CF63 2BE

01446 736010

Branches also in Nantgarw,
Rhondda & Swansea

www.ldsmotorfactors.co.uk



INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

More than meets the eye!

Smart IT solutions with Expert Tech

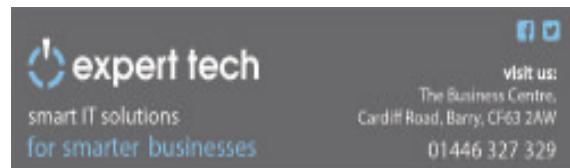
WITH over 14 years' experience, Expert Tech offer a range of solutions to help businesses get online and make the best use of your technology.

From computer repairs, onsite support, computer supplies, website and email hosting as well as providing the most up-to-date online security and back-ups, Expert Tech has been supporting local businesses in Barry,

the Vale and Cardiff for over three years.

So if you're a new business looking to get up and running online, or want to improve the efficiency of your already established business, contact Expert Tech for a free no obligation consultation.

Visit the company's website www.experttech.uk and follow them on Facebook and Twitter for all the latest news, tips and updates!



Computer hardware & software



Onsite & remote support



Website hosting & Office 365



Phone systems & broadband

support@experttech.uk

www.experttech.uk



EXPRESS vehicle services

01446 737737



MOT's



BRAKES



SERVICING



CLUTCHES



TYRES



REPAIRS



**Express House, Cardiff Road,
Barry, CF62 2PQ**

www.evs-group.co.uk

JON WINDOWS

part of **EYG** group glazing solutions

**BUY NOW
PAY 2018**



**3 Section
Bi-fold
Doors**
from only
**£2499
fitted**

*Offer applies at point of sale and supersedes all other offers.



**Composite
Doors**
from only
**£699
fitted**

*Offer applies at point of sale and supersedes all other offers.



Skypods
3m x 1.5m
**£1595
fitted***

*Subject to survey. Other size variations available.



Time to upgrade!

3m x 3m Edwardian conservatory
Including 4 opening windows, French
Doors & glass roof.

from only

£5995 fitted*

*Using existing walls and foundation.

FREEPHONE: 0800 181 888

www.eygwindows.co.uk Unit C2, TY Verlon Ind Est., Cardiff Road, Barry, CF63 2BE.



**CALLING ALL
BUSINESSES!**
Looking to
advertise in
over 45,000
newspapers
and online?
Then get in
touch with us
- call 01446
774484 or
email sales@glamorgangem.co.uk

For all your
local and
latest news
visit our
website -
glamorgangem.co.uk,
follow us on
Twitter
[@gem_news](https://twitter.com/gem_news),
and Facebook
- facebook.com/GlamorganGEM

*Offer applies at point of sale and supersedes all other offers.

CARDIFF ROAD, BARRY



INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

More than meets the eye!



THE VANMAN Express fleet provides an efficient storage and removals service.

VANMAN express STORAGE & REMOVALS

- Recent relocation to refurbished warehouse
- New individual internal self storage containers
- Secure 24hr CCTV & alarmed/very competitive rates

For a **FREE** quote, call Paul on freephone: **0800 2461125**

email paulthevanman@btinternet.com
www.vanmanexpress.co.uk
Unit B2 Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Cardiff Road, Barry, CF63 2BE.

www.barscaffolding.co.uk

B.A.R. SCAFFOLDING LTD



Domestic | System | Commercial Independent Scaffolding
029 21401934

Unit 19, Ty Verlon Ind Est., Cardiff Road, Barry, CF63 2BE.

ASGUARD LTD
LICENCED ASBESTOS REMOVAL SERVICES
Committed to compliance **01446 736002**

Unit 3e, Palmersvale Business Centre, Barry CF63 2XA

Asbestos Removal & Disposal Services

- **INDUSTRIAL**
- **COMMERCIAL**
- **RESIDENTIAL**

Fully licensed through the Health & Safety Executive: Licence Number: 061405056

'IF IN DOUBT, CALL THE EXPERTS OUT!'

SERVICES WE OFFER:

Asbestos Removal & Disposal • Asbestos Management, Refurbishment & Demolition Surveys • Demolition & Soft Stripping • Asbestos Sampling • Artex Ceiling Removal • Asbestos Shed & Garage Roofs removed & reinstated • Asbestos Soffits and Facia Boards • Asbestos Floor Tiles • Reinstatement Projects.

Lowest prices guaranteed

CALL NOW FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTATION FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE SERVICES.

E-Mail: asguardltd@btconnect.com
Mobile: 07843 578119

VOG works with you to make your business or home more secure



Could your home or business be more secure? One way to ensure this, would be with a security system installed by VOG Fire and Security Ltd. A spokesman explained:

"We are a knowledgeable and professional security company with a fantastic reputation for offering cost effective, reliable and high quality systems to both the domestic and commercial markets. Our main aim is to achieve your complete satisfaction with this in mind and coupled with over 20 years of experience within the security business. You can be confident that your property and well-being is in safe and qualified hands."

Tel: 01446 739586; enquiries@vogalarms.com



PROTECTING YOUR Home & Business



CALL TODAY FOR A FREE
no obligation survey and quotation

REASON TO BUY FROM US:

- SSAIB Approved for all your Home and Business Insurance Requirements
- All Staff CRB Checked
- We will beat any Like for Like quotation
- 24 Hours Service
- Partners with the Vale Of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch
- We are the only approved installer in Wales for the 'Visonic' Wireless Alarm Systems.



TEL: 01446 739586
MOB: 07815 047318

www.vogalarms.com

Unit 3 Palmerston Workshops, Palmerston Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 2YZ

Hill's skills make thrills at Llandow!



PHOTOS BY GLYN EVANS

by Andy Johnstone

ON a day when a nearby industrial fire threatened to cancel Speed of Sight's high-octane visit to Llandow Circuit, the only smoke of interest was from spinning tyres as around 20 people sped around the track.

Speed Of Sight (SOS), a registered charity, brings the track-day experience and the thrill of 'riding the ragged edge' to people with disabilities around the UK.

The charity was founded by Mike Newman, six-time Guinness World Record holder as the fastest blind man on the planet on land and water. Formerly a bank manager, Mike broke his first land speed record on a motorbike, going on to achieve four more world land speed records in a car and, more recently, achieving the water speed record.

Open to those with a disability – either from birth or because of illness, an accident or other injuries, and be it sensory loss, physical impairment or cognitive issues – the charity gives people the chance to drive dual-control track-day cars.

Ten pupils from Ysgol Y Deri (YYD), a special education school in Penarth, were among those on the starting line on a damp track under expert tuition from SOS instructors in the dual-control cars around the 1.5km circuit.

Llandow Circuit was a RAF station, operational until 1957, and opened as a racetrack in 1963 by Graham Hill, still the only winner of the Triple Crown of Motorsport – the Indianapolis 500, the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the Monaco Grand Prix. Hill was also a two-time Formula 1 world champion.

Something of Hill's skills must have influenced the plucky and lucky 10 from YYD. Steve Morris, a sixth-



A day never to be forgotten for this Ysgol Y Deri pupil.

form teacher at YYD, said: "It was an amazing opportunity for our pupils to be able to experience driving a real and powerful petrol vehicle. Some of our pupils may never be fortunate enough to have a driving licence, but this enabled them to experience the thrill of driving."

"They are all keen on cars and they study Mechanics one morning a week at Cardiff and Vale College, so the day really was right up their street! They are a great bunch on young adults who really deserved to enjoy such an invigorating experience."

One YYD pupil said: "It was very fast and a bit scary, but loads of fun!" Another added: "It made me want to be a professional driver when I'm older."

Sarah Pegler, of SOS, said: "Our mantra is making the impossible possible. "We provide life enhancing driving experiences for children and adults whom, because of their

disability, would normally not have the opportunity to ever drive a car let alone enjoy taking the wheel of racing a car."

"Well, now they can," Sarah gave special thanks to all those that took part – both on and off the track – and especially Llandow Circuit, which donated the track for the day.

Sarah added that SOS is booked to return to Llandow on October 2. "SOS is a charity," began Sarah, "and it relies on the support, sponsorship and patronage of businesses and individuals."

"This can include donations of money, goods or services and organising fundraising events, staff volunteers or by having a corporate track day."

"Anyone wishing to sponsor and support our work with local disabled children and adults can contact me by sending an email to me at sarah@speedoflight.org, and visit www.speedoflight.org."

First aid course
FOLLOWING the installation of two public access defibrillators in Dinas Powys, Dinas Powys WI is hosting first aid courses for the public.

The course, lasting two hours, will focus on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the use of a defibrillator and other aspects of first aid.

The first aid instruction will be given by Welsh Ambulance Service Trust personnel.

The courses will run on Monday, March 20 at 7pm at Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, and on Tuesday, April 25 at Lee Hall, Britway Road, also at 7pm. If these courses are oversubscribed, a further course will be arranged.

Places are limited, so to book, call 2051 2100 or 07799 402049 or email jillanderrydavis@btinternet.com.

Out & About with The GEM

Local pub will host village cinema-goers

POPULAR village pub The Fox & Hounds in Llancafarn will be hosting Cinema Club suppers, so that film-goers can enjoy a tasty supper before heading to the village's community cinema.

The next screening is on Friday, March 17 and features *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* (12A), at 7.30pm. The pre-screening supper includes a two-course meal, and a choice of sweet or salty popcorn to take away – all for £12.

The Fox and Hounds kitchen will open early

to allow guests to eat from 5.30pm, with a last sitting at 6.30pm – booking is essential.

Jim and Rhianon Dobson recently took over The Fox and Hounds with the aim of making the pub the centrepiece of the village, as well as an appealing destination for visitors from further afield.

The pub will now be open every day, and will serve food every evening, with lunches served Wednesday to Sunday.

The Fox & Hounds Llancafarn: 01446 781 287; www.fandhllancafarn.co.uk

Penarth concert

ON Friday, March 24 at 7pm, Cardiff University Chamber Choir will be appearing in concert at St Augustine's, Penarth.

It will feature Baroque choral and organ music written for, or by, Emperor Leopold I and it is part of a series being promoted by Cardiff University entitled *Music in Vienna 1700, 1800, 1900*. The choir is directed by Dr Peter Leech and Robert Court will be playing the organ.

The concert is preceded by a 20-minute pre-concert talk at 6.30pm. Admission to the concert costs £5 (includes the talk) but students and under-18s are free. Further information from Robert Court on 07954 149304, or rgcourt@ntlworld.com.

Take a trip to Skull Island in a truly outstanding blockbuster!

THE sight of King Kong, perched atop the Empire State Building, swatting bi-planes like flies is one of the indelible images of cinema.

Since that 1933 film, *Kong* has been remade twice, in 1976 with Jeff Bridges and Jessica Lange, and in 2005 as Peter Jackson achieved his long-held dream to tackle the big ape.

In an age of remakes and reboots, it's unsurprising the King has remained dormant for so long. However, he makes another appearance in *Kong: Skull Island*, a film unconnected to previous *Kong* films. Set in 1974, an expedition party is taken to Skull Island by the Monarch group (who you may be aware of from 2014's *Godzilla*).

In charge is Randa (John Goodman), who along with tracker James Conrad (Tom Hiddleston), photographer Mason Weaver (Brie Larson)

and a group of soldiers, led by Samuel L. Jackson's Packard, are there to explore the uncharted island.

However, after a dust-up with Kong, the expedition group are sent sprawling across the island and must survive not just the elements, but the multitude of other creatures living on the island, some of whom are deadlier than Kong...

'Do we really need another *King Kong* film?' was probably the question on most people's lips when this film was announced. After all, while the original film is a classic, subsequent remakes have fallen short, so what would *Skull Island* bring to the table that these other films haven't?

Well, the answer is 'quite a lot', as *Kong: Skull Island* is a fun, epic blockbuster that knows exactly how to play the rules of the genre and has a good time doing so. Under the direction of Jordan Vogt-Roberts, the film is a zippy thrill ride, the

grandiose set-pieces underpinned with the subtext of the Vietnam war – which gives the story some depth rather, than just be an all-action, no-thought film.

It's hard to believe that Vogt-Roberts has made only one feature film before this (the hugely impressive, yet low-key *The Kings Of Summer*). However, much in the same way Colin Trevorrow made the leap from indie filmmaking to blockbuster filmmaking with *Jurassic World*, so Vogt-Roberts has made the step up with ease.

The film's period means that its ripe to play on the aftermath of the Vietnam war, not just in narrative terms but also in terms of visuals. With golden sunsets and army choppers to the fore, the scent of *Apocalypse Now* is never far away, the visual influence of 'Nam movies strong but never overriding.

But it's in the set-pieces that the director shows the greatest confidence of all. Unlike Gareth Edwards' *Godzilla*, which was more strait-laced, serious and eager to show off as little of the titular monster as possible, here Kong is front and centre, the star of the show – and so he should be.

From the opening,



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

Follow Screen Talk on Twitter – @GEMScreenTalk

which sees a riff on the Empire State Building sequence, this *Kong* is a mean, lean chopper-destroying machine, and the more we see of him, the more we learn just how powerful he is.

The story may be a melting pot of the sort of films where groups of people are picked off one by one (*Jurassic Park/Jurassic World* as a touchstone), but it never feels like its playing the familiarity card. This is partly through invention (deaths being subverted in clever and sometimes gruesome ways), partly through the use of comedic relief (best evidenced by John C. Reilly's airman,

stranded on the island since World War Two), and partly through lensing the plot through the prism of Vietnam.

When we meet Samuel L. Jackson's Packard, we meet a man numbed to the conflict of war, desperate for one last opportunity at battle, and Kong proves to be that opportunity, his actions and desire to defeat Kong going against the wishes of many of the party. Yet for this proud soldier, this is his chance to avenge the maelstrom of Vietnam, to restore balance.

It's a clever and intelligent note that plays throughout the film, and the similarity in name of Kong and the (Viet)Cong is possibly more than just happy coincidence.

In such an epic blockbuster, it's no surprise that the performances fall a little by the wayside – Tom Hiddleston's character is nothing more than an alpha male leader devoid of personality, while Brie Larson's war photographer is at least a self-sufficient female lead (even if she is the damsel in distress by the film's end).

The real joy comes from the background characters; John C. Reilly is a scream as the crazy airman, Samuel L. Jackson gives his

character a grizzled depth, while the likes of Shea Whigham, Jason Mitchell and Thomas Mann, all provide a satisfying dynamic as members of the army team.

Kong: Skull Island is a superb take on both the genre and the character of Kong himself, and with his next appearance likely to be in the already-announced *Godzilla v King Kong* in 2020, it whets the appetite to see both this clash of the titans and more of the big old ape.

Hopefully, Jordan Vogt-Roberts will be involved in some capacity, as his direction is a major reason why this is one of the better blockbusters in recent memory.

VERDICT: A thrilling blockbuster ride, Jordan Vogt-Roberts has created a truly satisfying and epic take on the character of *Kong in Kong: Skull Island*. Visually breathtaking, it moves at a zippy pace, doesn't lack for scale or scope, and with the performances and depth of narrative, gives a little more substance to the style. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Godzilla* (2014), *Jurassic World* (2016).

Church choir seeks new musical director

ST PETER'S Church in Peterston-super-Ely is looking for an inspirational choral director, who can also play the organ.

There are just two evening rehearsals plus one Sunday morning service each month, plus the major festivals.

The choir, which is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, has a fine reputation throughout the Vale of Glamorgan and beyond. There are 22 singers, including nine young choristers aged nine to 14 with tremendous potential; the repertoire sung is wide and interesting, from Palestrina in the 16th century, to present-day composers.

In recent years, the

choir has visited and sung in cathedrals including St David's, Brecon, Llandaff and Wells.

There is a very supportive priest and congregation; the church has a fine 'tracker action' organ and there are excellent additional rehearsal facilities in the adjacent village hall.

For a suitable candidate seeking a larger role, there may be an opportunity to direct all the music in the church, including the choir.

The salary for this role would reflect the greater involvement (RSCM rates apply).

Lindsay Gray will be delighted to answer any questions or arrange an informal chat: Contact 07823 325 844, or lindsaygray@icloud.com

Psychological thriller

THE Dinas Powys Players have chosen Night Must Fall, a psychological thriller by Emlyn Williams, for its next production at the Parish Hall.

Rehearsals of *Night Must Fall*, directed by Catherine Cook, are well advanced. Curtain up is at the Parish Hall, Britway Road on April 6, 7, 8, at 7.30pm. For tickets, telephone 02921406168 or 02920512868.

WHAT'S ON / News in brief

Barry ward surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Buttrills, Castleland and Court Wards Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans, Chris Elmore, Les Sword, Karl Kuhnell and Stuart Egan will be holding their regular advice surgery on Saturday, March 18 from 10am – 11am in the small community room at Barry Library, King Square. No appointment necessary.

Hearing loss help

IF you have a hearing loss and need assistive equipment (phones, personal loops, tv loops, doorbells etc) Action On Hearing Loss will be based at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on the first Thursday in the month.

Advisors will be there from 10am to 12pm to provide information and give demonstrations on a wide range of equipment.

No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 or call Chris Lazo (Action on Hearing) on 02920 523129 for further information.

If you have a hearing loss and would like to be more confident using the internet, every Friday at 10.30am to 12pm Action on Hearing will be at the Senior Health Shop to help.

Learn to make the most of your smart phone, tablet etc. Learn about communication apps such as Facetime, Skype, Next Generation, Facebook with help one-to-one.

Councillor's surgery

COUN Anthony Ernest (Independent) will be 'Down Your Way', to meet local residents with queries or concerns on Friday, March 17 at

5pm outside Turner House Gallery, Plymouth Road, Penarth, and at 5.20pm at the junction of Park Road and Bridgeman Road.

On Saturday, March 18 he will be outside Byrd Crescent Community Centre at 10am and outside the Post Office/Stores at Brockhill Way at 10.20pm. For those unable to make these times, contact Coun Ernest on 02920 702111.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D974.

● **£2,000**, 609597.
● **The rollover, which now stands at £12,000, was won by 462305 this week.**

● **£10:** 7 2 5 8 2 5, 305054, 401928, 382511, 479842, 209229, 781945, 428161, 279673, 941142, 241307, 638029, 963872, 315256, 282974, 538395, 170213, 114, 302668, 1985067, 1213661, 1985142.

● **£5:** 751369, 457639, 987269, 802020, 341855, 315004, 469587, 649563,

252877, 519323, 207211, 197486, 761283, 863601, 518147, 494196, 535655, 142612, 859833, 473586, 758966, 899151, 116633, 125028, 589251, 457910, 687167, 542047, 257446, 223733, 861236, 422751, 879507, 652044, 683993, 861637, 425261, 470532, 102111, 413384, 576560, 341915, 605140, 756390, 358865, 171658, 302905, 208357, 237795, 907302, 386599, 444032, 284241, 451, 1111, 1147, 898, 439.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

OCEAN LOUNGE PORKKERRY ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 18th March
IDEN

Excellent Male Vocalist

Saturday 25th March
LEE JONSON

Excellent Male Vocalist

BINGO Saturday Evenings
SUNDAY LUNCHES
£6.95 (2 courses £8.95)

MOTHERING SUNDAY
26th March
3 Course Lunch £9.95

CAR BOOT SALES will recommence 19th March. Sellers in 12 midday Buyers 1pm
RUGBY MATCHES shown on big screen. Half time food for all Welsh matches.

Porthkerry Leisure Park, Rhosce CF62 3ZP
(01446) 710362/711538

Open: Friday 7pm - 12pm.
Saturday 12 noon - 4pm & 7pm - midnight.
Sunday 12 noon - 4pm.

Vale for Africa 'Twmpath' held at Rosedew farm



ST DAVID'S Day was once again the cue for the supporters and volunteers of local charity, Vale for Africa, to put on their dancing shoes and dance the night away!

The Welsh barn dance or 'Twmpath' was held at Rosedew Farm in Llantwit Major and was accompanied by well-known local ceildh band Thingumijigs.

The event was a great success and helped raise over £750, all of which will go directly into the charity's project work.

Ted Arbuthnot, local optician and project leader explained: "We're planning a trip later this year, the focus of which will be the provision of primary eyecare services in remote and disadvantaged, rural areas of the Tororo District of Uganda.

"We will also be training members of the local village health teams to help carry on the work after we have left. This event has helped raise the funding we need for vital equipment and medicines."

As well as the dancing, those that attended were treated to a traditional Welsh cawl, Welsh cakes, local Welsh cheese and biscuits. There was also a range of raffle prizes generously donated by Vale for Africa's key partner organisation Cardiff and Vale College.

Gareth Kiddie, Vale for Africa's chair, commented: "These events not only provide a platform for raising funds, but an opportunity to get involved. With support in the form of a small grant from Hub Cymru Africa, we've recently established

our very own volunteer 'flash mob' and we were delighted to welcome all those new volunteers who helped us out at the Twmpath this year."

Events organiser Sian Tesni, said: "We're really delighted. Everyone's had a great time and we are truly grateful for the kind support of the residents of the Vale who, once again, have turned out to support us. Without their kind help our project work couldn't go ahead."

Vale for Africa works with its Ugandan-based sister organisation TOCIDA to improve healthcare, education and library services. It does this through local fundraising and direct support for projects on the ground.

If you would like further information about the Vale for Africa, or wish to volunteer in some way, please contact the chair Gareth Kiddie via email on: gareth@gka.org.uk

St David's Day so special at Senedd

I WAS invited to a special event, Voices of Wales, hosted at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay to celebrate St David's Day on March 1.

Llywydd of the National Assembly, Elin Jones AM, patriotically opened the event with an outstanding speech.

Among others who made speeches were Bethan Jenkins AM, the chair of the National Assembly's culture, Welsh language and communications committee, and John Rostron, co-founder of the Sŵn Music Festival.

The event featured performances by Beaufort Male Voice Choir, Kizzy Crawford, Aled Rheon, Danielle Lewis and more.

Beaufort Male Voice Choir sang some prominent Welsh choral

classics, which you would expect from a Welsh choir, including, 'I bob un sy'n fyddlon', 'Calon Lân' and finally 'Tydi a Roddaist.

It was a very entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable concert to watch. The performances reminded me of the extraordinary talent and musical taste that we have in this country. What a way to mark St David's Day, the National Day of Wales!

The stage was very colourful and so were the performances that featured.

I was especially impressed with the leaflets available at the event for those visiting the Senedd who have autism and/or sensory issues.

I look forward to visiting the Senedd in the near future for similar events.

Aled Thomas, Penarth

Pippa would love a nice garden

I'M Pippa and I'm a beautiful cat that likes a fuss.

I'm looking for a quiet home to call my own; I like company, but also like my own space where I can cat nap for an hour or two.

I need a home with a nice garden as I love a pottering around the garden.

If you can offer me a home, contact

Cats Protection, Bridgend Adoption Centre, Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, Bridgend, (CF32 9UJ); call 01656 724396.



SADLY, 11-year-old Welsh Corgi Sandy was handed into Dog Trust Bridgend's rehoming centre after his owner became ill. Like a typical, loyal Corgi, he loves the company of people and doesn't like being left on his own for too long.

Staff at the centre worry that he may become overlooked because of his age. Rebecca Baker, Assistant Manager at the Pen-y-Fai centre said: "Sandy is a superb chap with a fabulous personality who just adores the company of people.

"He is looking for a quiet home with owners

who can offer him frequent shorter walks to help keep him fit, as he is a little on the chunky side and is prone to weight gain.

"Sandy is an older dog, so would benefit from living in a quiet home where he'll have the time to adjust to his new environment. He could live with older children who will give him time to settle in.

"He is a lovely, handsome older boy who really deserves to be with a loving family who can give him everything he needs."

Contact the team at Dogs Trust Bridgend on 0300 303 0292. www.dogstrust.org.uk



Vale for Africa's youngest volunteer, Tomos Mann (left) with 'cawl-maker' dad Tim Mann, Jane Hutt AM and the Mayor of Cowbridge, Elizabeth George.



Atlantic College Students and volunteer 'flash mob' members Jackline (left) and Maria-Sophia (right) with Vale for Africa's event organiser, Sian Tesni.



PROMEC
LANDROVER
Independent
Landrover Specialist

Independent **Land Rover** and **4x4 Specialist**



Do you have a Land Rover Defender/Evoque Freelander/Discovery/Range Rover/Sport and fed up with main dealer prices?

Let our expert team look after your Land Rover at a **fraction of main dealer costs!**

We have 30 years experience in the Land Rover range:

- We can collect vehicle if required. • Courtesy car available
- Fixed price service • Computer diagnostic
- Repairs/Brakes/Suspension etc • Mot's • Power upgrades

Call Ian on 02920 890567

Llwynmilwas Workshop, Groes Faen, Llantrisant CF72 8NS.
www.promeclandrover.co.uk

Muddy 'Bully Hole Bottom' adventure for local Ramblers

PENARTH and District Ramblers travelled up to Wentwood for a delightfully muddy ramble led by Su G.

They crossed an area of ancient trees where the vast forest originally extended between the Usk and Wye rivers, dividing the old kingdom of Gwent into two halves.

Over the years, the oak trees were felled to provide ships during the Napoleonic Wars and preserved for the production of charcoal used in the iron industry, with the remainder of the native trees being cut down during World War One for use in the trenches. Nowadays, most are owned by the Forestry Commission Wales and the Woodland Trust.

After clambering steeply up Gray Hill in bright sunshine to meet some wind at the top, with misty views over the Severn Estuary, Newport and the almost empty Wentwood reservoir in the valley below, waterlogged paths led across the hill to reach two standing stones outside a stone circle.

More muddy paths led downhill and through fields containing sheep and along gungy farm tracks to the entrance of Cribau Mill with clumps of

snowdrops, daffodils, celandine and primroses gracing the edges of the Castrogri Brook heralding the start of spring.

Passing Marls Farm and descending by quiet lane through a beautiful valley to Bully Hole Bottom and enduring a heavy rain shower, more mud and pools led to a road climb.

As the temperature was beginning to drop, more road-walking led them downhill into fields followed by a climb up into Wentwood Forest or Coed Gwent.

Forestry paths led them uphill to The Five Paths and after meeting several groups of young horse riders, a gradual descent on woodland tracks led them back to the start with only one short downpour to contend with.

On March 18, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile moderate walk at Tonyrefail; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

To follow the group please log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Lest we forget... Barry's war dead, March 1917

THE information below was compiled by PAUL KEMP, of Barry, a member of the Barry at War Group and of the Western Front Association.

On Sunday last, the Union flag was flown at half mast outside the Barry War Museum on Barry Island in honour of Eddie Legg, who died recently. He might well have been one of the last Barry men to have served on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

If readers know of any others, please let us know. The museum is open every Wednesday from 2pm - 4pm and will be open a few days in April.

Glenn Booker, Chairman, Barry at War Group (07443 870136)

SAPPER William B Reece 12th Field Coy

4th Canadian Division Engineers was killed in action on March 1, 1917; he has no known grave and is commemorated on the Vimy Memorial.

Born on October 16 1894, the son of George and Kate Reece (formerly of 174 Holton Road, Barry) he had emigrated to Canada with his parents prior to the war and worked as a plumber. From the Canadian records of the circumstances of casualty:

'He took part in a raid with the 72nd and 73rd Battalions on March 1, 1917, South East of Souchez. The party to which he was detailed failed to reach its objective and Sapper Reece together with several men of another unit took shelter in shell holes in front of the German frontline and carried on the fight with

rifles from this position.

'Just prior to the withdrawal order being given, Sapper Reece was hit in the head by a rifle bullet and killed. His comrades were unable to get him out, owing to the intensity of fire prevailing at the time he was hit.'

Driver Mark Pulsford, MT L/B Horse Transport, Army Service Corps died March 3, 1917 and is buried in Mont Huon Cemetery, Le Treport, France. He was 35, the son of John and Elizabeth Pulsford of Dinas Powys.

Bombardier Tom Simpkins of 'D' Battery, 58th Bde Royal Field Artillery died of wounds on March 5, 1917 and is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, France. He was the brother of WJ Simpkins of 4, Kendrick Road, Barry.

Reginald Henry Mattravers, Merchant

Navy, drowned on March 6, 1917 when he was swept overboard from his ship SS *Decassin*. Aged 18 he lived at 1 Cardiff Road, Barry.

Eustace Green, Fireman, Mercantile Marine. He died on March 8, 1917 when his ship, the SS *Dunbar Moor*, on a voyage from Rosario to Manchester with a cargo of wheat, was sunk by the German submarine U-44 (Paul Wagenführ), 180 miles WNW of Fastnet. Twelve persons were lost.

Aged 36, he was the son of the late Mrs Martha Ann Green and husband of Philippa Green (nee Kennedy) of 23, Beverley Street, Cadoxton. Born at Barbados.

On March 8, 1917 Johan Karlson Marine Engineer SS *Folia* Merchant Navy, aged 27, the son of Karl and Kristine Karlson, husband of Florence Karlson of 13 Brickyard Terrace, Cadoxton. On Sunday, March 11 1917 the *Folia*, commanded by Captain F Inch, was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast while on a voyage from New York to Bristol.

The *Folia* was torpedoed by the German submarine U-53 which surfaced and sank the vessel by gunfire. Seven of the crew were lost, 68 survived.

Second lieutenant Arthur William Martin, of the 61st Reserve Bn Welsh Regiment died at Kimmel Park Camp Hospital, north Wales on March 14, 1917 from the effects of a bomb-throwing mishap. He was the son of Mr and Mrs T Martin of 95 Main Street, Cadoxton. He had emigrated to Canada and had joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force on the outbreak of the war and after serving in France for 12 months had been commissioned in the Welsh Regiment.

Nicholas Patinios, Fireman, SS *Frimaire*, Merchant Navy drowned when his ship was torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay on March 15, 1917. Aged 24, he was the husband of Bridget Patinios of 48 Graving Dock Street (now St Mary's Avenue), Barry.

On March 15 on a voyage from St Nazaire to Bayonne his ship was

sunk by German submarine UC21, 21 miles SSE of Belle Ile. Twelve persons were lost.

Gnr Luke William Howard, of 'D' Battery, 83rd Bde Royal Field Artillery. Born in Barry and aged 28 he was killed in action on March 16, 1917. He is buried in Queen's Cemetery, Bucquoy, France.

Gnr Charles Edward Victor Wheeler of the 121st Bde. Royal Field Artillery was killed in action on March 16, 1917 and is buried in Ferme-Olivier Cemetery, Belgium. Aged 20, he was the adopted son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Wheeler of Cadoxton.

Gnr Charles J. Koller, of 'B' Battery, 70th Bde Royal Field Artillery died of wounds on March 22, 1917 and is buried in Harbarcq Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Pte William Victor David of the 5th Bn Royal Welsh Fusiliers was killed in action in the First Battle for Gaza on March 26, 1917. Aged 18, he was the stepson of Mr and Mrs Pimm of 30 Gilbert Street, Cadoxton and is commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial, Israel.

2/Lt Evan W Davies 1/7th Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers was killed in action on March 26, 1917. He is buried in the Gaza War Cemetery, Israel.

Lt Vivian Gwynne James of the 12th Bn (att'd 7th Bn) Royal Welsh Fusiliers was killed in action on March 26, 1917. He was buried in the Gaza War Cemetery, Israel.

Rifleman Robert John Morris 1/5th Bn London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade) died of his wounds on March 30, 1917 and is buried in Achicourt Road Cemetery, France.

Aged 23, he was the son of ME and Elizabeth Morris, Plasdeon, Llanuwchllyn, Merioneth.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.

PAUL KEMP

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU MANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

(GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 3) 2017

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn bwriadu gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn ddiwygio'r manau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Mae modd gweld manylion llawn y cynigion yn y cyfeiriad a ddangosir isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol a rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiadau a allai fod gennych i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyt.IF810/1/2) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 7 Ebril 2017 a rhaid iddynt gynnwys eich rhesymau dros wrthwynebu.

3. Gyda golwg ar Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) 1985, rhoddir gwybod i bersonau sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig fod y Cyngor hwn yn gorfod gwneud unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynnir i wrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig ar gael i'r cyhoedd edrych arnynt.

Mae'r Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol i gael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu Mannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Cynnig Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

Pencoedtre Lane Y Barri – Map AO53

Ar y ddwy ochr o bwynt 15 metr i'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Port Road, tua'r de-ddwyrain am 88 metr.

Golgwy Y Coed Y Barri – Map AO53

Ar y ddwy ochr o'r gyffordd â Pencoedtre Lane tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

Y Rhodfa Y Barri – Mynediad i'r Gorllewin – Map AX51 ac AX52

Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o bwynt 15 metr i'r dde o'r gyffordd â Ffordd y Milenium, tua'r de am oddeutu 50 metr.

Y Rhodfa Y Barri – Mynediad i'r Dwyrain – Map AX51 ac AX52

Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o bwynt oddeutu 15 metr i'r dde o'r gyffordd â Ffordd y Milenium, tua'r de am oddeutu 50 metr.

Castle Drive Dinas Powys – Map AL60

Ar yr ochr ogledd-orllewinol o bwynt oddeutu 25 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Murch Road, tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 20 metr, yn agos at y cyfyngiad Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg Cyfredol.

Ar ochr ogledd-orllewinol o bwynt 10 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â St Donats Close, tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 28 metr, yn agos at y cyfyngiad Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg cyfredol.

Lôn heb enw sy'n gwasanaethu'r maes parcio yng nghefn "The Parade" Dinas Powys – Map AL60

Ar y ddwy ochr, o'r gyffordd â Castle Drive, tua'r de-orllewin am 10 metr.

Cynnig Diddymu Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

St Nicholas Road Y Barri – Map AY49 ac AZ49

Diddymu'r Gorchymyn gwahardd aros ar unrhyw adeg cyfredol ar ochr ddwyreiniol y ffin yn eiddo Rhifau 33 a 35 tua'r de i ffin eiddo Rhifau 2 a 3 The Mews am 58 metr.

Dyddiedig 16 Mawrth 2017

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpa, Gwenfö CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 3) ORDER 2017

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to amend the parking places at the locations specified in the Schedule below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF810/1/2) in writing by 7th April 2017 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

Pencoedtre Lane Barry – Map AO53

On both sides from a point 15 metres south east of the junction with Port Road, in a south easterly direction for 88 metres.

Golgwy Y Coed Barry – Map AO53

On both sides from the junction with Pencoedtre Lane in a north easterly direction for 10 metres.

Y Rhodfa Barry – Western Access – Map AX51 & AX52

On both sides of the road from a point approximately 15 metres south of the junction with Ffordd Y Milenium, in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 50 metres.

Y Rhodfa Barry – Eastern Access – Map AX51 & AX52

On both sides of the road from a point approximately 15 metres south of the junction with Ffordd Y Milenium, in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 50 metres.

Castle Drive Dinas Powys – Map AL60

On the north western side from a point approximately 25 metres north east of the junction with Murch Road, in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres, contiguous with the existing Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time restriction..

On the north western side, from a point 10 metres north east of the junction with St Donats Close, in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 28 metres, contiguous with the existing Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time restriction.

Unnamed lane that serves the car parking area to the rear of "The Parade" Dinas Powys – Map AL60

On both sides from the junction of Castle Drive, in a south westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Proposed Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

St Nicholas Road Barry – Map AY49 and AZ49

Revoke the existing prohibition of waiting at any time Order on the eastern side from the boundary of properties No's 33 and 35 in a southerly direction to the boundary of properties No's 2 and 3 The Mews for a distance of 58 metres.

Dated this 16th day of March 2017

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



BRINSONS

CHARTERED SURVEYORS

The Complete Property Professionals

www.brinsons.co.uk

Cowbridge Office:
01446 771777

THE MEWS, PENARTH



- Quaint Penarth Townhouse
- Immaculately Presented
- Rear Courtyard
- Available to Buy Furnished

£185,000

THE GRANARY, BONVILSTON



- 5 Bedrooms
- Annexe Potential
- Double Garage
- Private Parking

£599,950



home
is where the heart is
*Thinking of moving
this spring?*
Call today to arrange a **FREE**
no obligation property appraisal

www.brinsons.co.uk

CWRT SYR DAFYDD, LLANTWIT MAJOR



- 3 Bedrooms
- Marble Flooring
- Conservatory
- Garage

£260,000

CLOS FFAWYDDEN, YSTRADOWEN



- No Chain
- Cowbridge School Catchment
- Double Garage
- 5 Bedrooms

£400,000

HAWTHORN AVENUE, PENARTH



- End Terrace Property
- 3 Bedrooms
- Dual Aspect Lounge
- Downstairs Shower Room

£229,950

GEORGE STREET, LLANTRISANT



- Charming Cottage
- Open Plan Sitting Room/Kitchen
- Spacious Double Bedroom
- Great Investment Opportunity

£89,500

SMEATON CLOSE, RHOSE



- Peaceful village of Rhose
- 3 Bedrooms
- Garage
- Good Size Gardens

£170,000

WINDSOR CLOSE, LLANTWIT MAJOR



- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Attractive Garden

£159,950

BADGERS BROOK CLOSE, YSTRADOWEN



- Semi Detached Property
- 3 Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- No Chain

£230,000

BEDFORD HOUSE, CEFN CRIBWR



- Set in c. 3.5 acres
- 5 Bedrooms
- 2 Double Garages
- Stunning Views

£725,000

THE OLD FORGE, BONVILSTON



- 4 Large Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- Family Home
- Ample Private Parking

£650,000

TYN-Y-BETTWS FARM, BETTWS



- 7.5 acres
- Outbuildings with potential to convert
- Character Farmhouse
- Private Setting

£595,000

HIGH STREET, LALESTON



- Private Parking
- 3 Bedrooms
- Modern Interior
- Charm and Character

£240,000

WALDEN, HIGHLIGHT LANE



- Impressive Detached Property
- 5 Bedrooms
- Large Rear Garden
- Double Entry Driveway

£475,000

EWENNY ROAD, BRIDGEND



- Bay Fronted Semi Detached Property
- 3 Bedrooms
- Extended and Improved
- Well Regarded Location

£215,000

ST QUENTINS CLOSE, LLANBLETHIAN



- Detached Family Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Cul De Sac Position
- Sought After Location

£440,000



Welsh winners of English Speaking Union's contest head for Gielgud Theatre



Some of the winners and highly commended pupils with Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards – Benjamin Morden, Jodie Norman and Manon Formaggio from King Henry VIII, Abergavenny, Wyatt Butcher from Brynteg Comprehensive, Bridgend, and Ashton Williams from Ysgol Bryn Tawe, Swansea.

THE Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama was the venue, in February, for the fourth Wales final of the English Speaking Union's 'Performing Shakespeare' competition.

The competition is aimed at students aged 11-14 and entry is via video presentations, which are viewed and judged before drawing up a shortlist of those to progress to the Wales final.

Twelve students from the 25 submissions were selected to perform 'live' to an audience of teachers, parents and ESU members, who were treated to an afternoon of unforgettable entertainment.

The three judges had the unenviable task of selecting two winning performances to go forward to the UK final, which will be held in the Gielgud Theatre in London on March 21.

Maggie Fletcher and Katherine Kettle, both experienced former teachers of drama, and Hannah Barker (a final year student at the Royal College

awarded this year's bursary from the south Wales branch of the ESU for the most promising student) congratulated the two winners, Manon Formaggio from King Henry VIII School, Abergavenny; and Ashton Williams from Ysgol Bryn Tawe, Swansea.

Benjamin Morden and Jodie Norman from King Henry VIII and Wyatt Butcher from Brynteg Comprehensive School were highly commended for their performances. Wyatt gave a moving performance of King Lear.

Brynteg students have achieved success in previous years in the UK final with the encouragement of their teacher, Paula Beesley who, along with other teachers, is to be applauded for her enthusiastic support for this competition from its inception.

Derek Morgan, chairman of the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union, thanked Ena Davies for coordinating the competition on behalf of the branch.

Ed sets up a treasure hunt for Amelia Trust!



ED FELIX, a year-10 pupil at Cardiff High School, recently set up a treasure hunt to raise funds for the Amelia Trust Farm.

Ed, who volunteers in the farm café, was inspired by the work of the farm to set up the fundraiser as part of his Welsh Baccalaureate Community Challenge. He started volunteering at the farm in February, and decided it would be a perfect place to hold a treasure hunt.

Ed then wrote to some local businesses and organisations requesting prize donations. He developed a series of clever clues that led participants to hunt for letters that, when re-arranged, spelt out a word. Participants then

entered their completed sheets into a prize draw.

All participants paid an entry fee for the treasure hunt and all the proceeds raised have been given to the farm to help us continue the important work we do supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged young people.

Ed is keen that other people take the initiative and do some fundraising for the Amelia Trust Farm and he hopes that his story will inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

If you have been inspired by Ed's story, and would like to fundraise for Amelia Trust Farm, email general@ameliastrust.org.uk or telephone 01446 782030.

JO WHITFIELD

Regional AM helps keep focus on World Kidney Day



Andrew RT Davies with Joanne Popham of the Paul Popham Fund.

Joanne Popham from the Paul Popham Fund, was recently joined by regional AM and Leader of the Welsh Conservatives Andrew RT Davies to promote World Kidney Day – and focus on the importance of reducing the risk of kidney disease.

It currently affects over 3 million people in the UK – but up to a million of these are undiagnosed. Urging Vale residents to do all they can to reduce the risk, Mr Davies said it was important to regularly monitor blood pressure and have kidney function tested.



Brighter Moves
ESTATE AGENTS

Putting your property
'OUT IN FRONT'



Zoopla.co.uk
Your advantage in property

rightmove.co.uk
The UK's number one property website







PROPERTIES REQUIRED
for Waiting Buyers

ST ATHAN	LLANTWIT MAJOR	ST ATHAN	ST ATHAN	EGLWYS BREWYS	LLANTWIT MAJOR
 <p>£49,995 Castleton Road CF62 4LG ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME PROPERTY GAS CENTRAL HEATING • PVC DOUBLE GLAZING GENEROUS GARDEN</p>	 <p>£52,500 Nutwalk CF61 1BH TWO BEDROOMS UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING GAS CENTRAL HEATING PRIVATE GARDEN TOTAL LENGTH 7.46 WIDTH 3.56</p>	 <p>£97,500 Scott Close CF62 4JL FREEHOLD • EPC-D • THREE BEDROOMS VIEWING RECOMMENDED • GAS CENTRAL HEATING • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING</p>	 <p>£122,500 Mallory Close CF62 4JJ FREEHOLD, FOUR BEDROOMS CONSERVATORY, GAS CENTRAL HEATING UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, IDEAL FAMILY HOME</p>	 <p>£129,995 Eagle Road CF62 4NR FREEHOLD, THREE BEDROOMS GAS CENTRAL HEATING, LARGE REAR GARDEN OFF ROAD PARKING SPACE IDEAL FAMILY HOME</p>	 <p>£149,995 Maes Iltuds CF61 2SD TWO BEDROOMS MODERN FINISH • OPEN VIEWS POPULAR LOCATION</p>
 <p>£159,995 Trebeferad CF61 1UX FREEHOLD • THREE BEDROOMS OFF ROAD PARKING VIEWING RECOMMENDED</p>	 <p>£195,000 Fitzhamon Ave. CF61 1TN FREEHOLD, THREE BEDROOMS, SOUTH FACING GARDEN, GAS CENTRAL HEATING VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, EPC - E</p>	 <p>£249,995 Colhugh Park CF61 1RU TWO BEDROOMS, TWO RECEPTION ROOMS QUIET CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION, DOWNSTAIRS WC/SHOWER, GARAGE, FREEHOLD</p>	 <p>£275,000 Boverton Brook CF61 1YH FREEHOLD, NEWLY FITTED KITCHEN, TWO GROUND FLOOR BEDROOMS, TWO 1ST FLOOR BEDROOMS, GAS CH/EXTENSIVE REAR GARDEN, GARAGE</p>	 <p>£385,000 Boverton Road CF61 1YA DETACHED PROPERTY FOUR BEDROOMS PRIVATE GARDENS GARAGE</p>	 <p>£419,995 Llanmaes Road CF61 2XE FOUR BEDROOMS, TWO EN-SUITES TWO BATHROOMS, GARAGE DOUBLE GLAZED</p>

Free Valuation, For Sale Boards, Floor Plans, Accompanied Viewings and Internet Advertising
Rentals 01656 655989 www.brightermoves.co.uk • E-Mail: info@brightermoves.co.uk

**1 Pound Field,
Llantwit Major,
CF61 1DL.
01446 794433.**

**119a Wyndham House,
Wyndham Street,
Bridgend, CF31 1EF.
01656 655936.**

**105 Talbot Road,
Talbot Green,
CF72 8AE.
01443 222420.**



Changes Personal Property Agents are pleased to announce the launch of our specialist Property Agency within the Vale of Glamorgan

How we work!

- At **Changes** we offer a completely **FREE** no obligation Market appraisal.
- Our expert Agent has in depth knowledge of the local area, taking into account market trends, properties that have sold and other important factors.
- Our research is extremely thorough and we always provide you with solid evidence to back up the valuation of your property.
- We offer the benefit of our expertise and knowledge so that you will be able to make an informed decision about your property.
- **Changes Personal Property Agents** provides you with a unique, customer focused approach to selling your home.

What our vendors benefit from!

- Your own dedicated personal and friendly one to one Property Agent.
- A fixed fee structure.
- Floor plans, video tours and professional photography as standard.
- Fully accompanied viewings 7 days a week.
- No long tie in's.
- Members of the National Association of Estate Agents.
- All our properties are advertised on our own website and the portals listed below.

**Please call us today to book your
FREE no obligation market appraisal**

T: 02920 098988 / 01446 688388 / 01633 530555
www.changes.wales



**RedKEY Property Services are one of
South Wales leading specialist Letting Agencies
and we now cover the Vale of Glamorgan**

RedKEY specialise in:

- **Residential Lettings & Property Management**
- **Block Management**
- **Portfolio Management**

The Vale of Glamorgan will be covered by Lisa Snooks, who has lived in Barry all her life. With over 12 years experience, Lisa has extensive knowledge within this particular property market, having worked for independent & corporate agents locally. Lisa's love for the property Industry shows in her great work ethic & great attention to detail, and she is not afraid of "going the extra mile for her customers".

**To book your FREE no
obligation Market Appraisal
please Call Lisa on
02920 098438**

Special Launch Offer!

RedKEY Property Services are pleased to announce the launch of our Specialist Lettings & Management Services to the Vale of Glamorgan. To celebrate this launch we are offering:

No letting or management fees for the 1st 3 months!

On ALL new fully managed instructions received by 30th April 2017. To qualify for this offer the property **MUST** be available to let for a minimum term of 12 months.



redkeylets.co.uk





To apply call the hotline, e-mail us at HOMES4U@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or apply in writing to:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Environment and Housing
Civic Offices, Holton Road
Barry CF63 4RU

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 22 MARCH 2017

All Homes4U properties have double glazing and central heating unless otherwise stated and will be allocated to the maximum occupancy.

It may take longer to rehouse you if you are awarded medical priority as there is a shortage of accessible and adapted homes in the Vale.

ALEXANDRA CRESCENT, BARRY

H4U Reference 250710
• Three-bedroom house

Rent **£107.03** per week**ARTHUR DAVIS COURT, BARRY**

H4U Reference 970231
• Ground floor studio apartment
• Step-in shower
• Onsite Independent Living Officer

Rent **£114.11** per week including service charge**BELLE VUE CLOSE, PENARTH**

H4U Reference 242971
55+
• One-bedroom ground floor flat
• Level access shower
• Community alarm
• Water meter

Rent **£89.57** per week including alarm charges**CWM PARC, BARRY**

H4U Reference 206458
60+
• One-bedroom flat
• Ground floor
• Level access shower
• Community alarm

Rent **£113.93** per week including alarm and water charges**DALE COURT, BARRY (2)**

H4U Reference 206771
• Three-bedroom houses (x2)

Rent **£108.59** per week including water charges**EARL CRESCENT, BARRY**

H4U Reference 208573
55+
• One-bedroom first floor flat
• Water meter
• Community alarm

Rent **£78.06** per week including community alarm**OWAIN CLOSE, PENARTH**

Image unavailable

H4U Reference 1006526
• Two-bedroom house
• Stairlift
• Wet room

Rent **£103.13** per week**PETERSWELL ROAD, BARRY**

H4U Reference 220636
55+
• One-bedroom flat
• Ground floor
• Level access shower

Rent **£106.42** per week including alarm and water charges**PROCTOR CLOSE, BARRY**

H4U Reference 221939
60+
• One-bedroom bungalow
• Level access shower
• Warden and alarm

Rent **£121.28** per week including alarm and water charges**ST LUKES AVENUE, PENARTH**

H4U Reference 244864
• Two-bedroom flat
• First floor
• Water meter

Rent **£83.60** per week**THE OLD STATION, ST ATHAN**

H4U Reference 143101
Priority will be given to applicants with mobility issues who require the level of adaptations this property offers. A Local lettings policy applies.

• Two-bedroom bungalow
• Wheelchair accessible
• Widened doorways
• Level access shower
• Hoists in bedroom
• Enclosed garden and parking

Rent **£107.79** per week including service charge**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST****CROMPTON WAY, OGMORE BY SEA**

United Welsh Housing Association, in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announce the new development at Crompton Way, Ogmere by Sea.

Access to the site is on a steep hill with steps accessing the property. A local lettings policy applies and the properties will be ready to let April 2017.

• Three, two-bedroom houses

Rent **£106.31** including a service charge of £2.21**ST JAMES' GARDEN, ST BRIDES, WICK**

United Welsh Housing Association in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announce the new development at St Brides, Wick.

A local lettings policy applies and properties will be ready to let March/April 2017.

• Two, three-bedroom houses

Rent **£109.19** including a service charge of £5.09

• Two, two-bedroom houses

Rent **£110.88** including a service charge of £5.09

united welsh

Visit the HOMES4U web page to view homes available immediately
www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of the rented homes.

When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference. All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness.



NEW PRICE

Romilly Park Road, Barry
4 Double Bedrooms; 3 Receptions.
Large Enclosed Rear Garden. Double Driveways; Overlooking Romilly Park!

£525,000 D57



NEW

Fonmon Park Road, Rhoose
2 Bedrooms; Large Conservatory Extension
Backing Farmers' Fields; 3 Car Driveway
Super Order; Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom

£135,000 tbc



NEW

Murlande Way, Rhoose
2 Bedrooms; Conservatory Extension
Fully Refitted Kitchen With Appliances
Generous Garden, Drive & Garage

£140,000 D63



Chris Davies



Holton Road, Barry
One Bedroom; Top Floor Apartment
Ideal First Buy or Buy To Let Investment
On Site Parking; Modern Kitchen; New Shower

£67,000 D62



Park Court, Barry
Ground Floor Maisonette With Parking
Superb Order & Generous Rooms
Sought After West End Location

£94,950 E47



Main Street, Barry
3 Bedrooms; 50 Foot Rear Garden
2 Receptions; Modern Kitchen
No Chain; Ideal First Time Purchase

£109,950 D62



Gladstone Road, Barry
3 Bedrooms; Loft Room; Garage
Excellent Order; Period Features
Sea Views; Decked Rear Garden

£169,950 E46

Rhoose 01446 711900
Llantwit Major 01446 792020
Barry 01446 700007
sales@chris-davies.co.uk

Lets!

Llanmead Gardens, Rhoose.
Modern Two Bedroom House,
Modern High Gloss Kitchen,
Large Double Shower.
C71, Band C.
£625 PCM



Samson Street, Llantwit Major
2 Bedroom Semi.
New bathroom with shower.
New Boiler, New Kitchen.
Freshly Decorated.
£650 PCM



COMING SOON

Victoria Road, Barry
West End Location.
3 Bedroom. Stylish Kitchen.
£775 PCM

LANDLORDS - Quality Tenants,
Fully Referenced Waiting.

Call Dawn today to book
a free rental valuation

01446 791967

Call Sally today to book a viewing

01446 791965

Call Karen today to book a viewing

01446 791966

lettings@chris-davies.co.uk



White Farm, Barry
3 Bedroom Semi
Enclosed Family Garden
NHBC Remainder

£169,995 C80



Hellas Drive, Barry
Flexible - 3 to 4 Bedrooms/1-2 Receptions
Stunning Kitchen/Dining Room
Sensational Rural Views - Lifestyle Property

£325,000 D57

WANTED!
DUE TO GENUINE AND EXCEPTIONAL DEMAND, WE REQUIRE PROPERTIES IN ALL AREAS OF BARRY AND RHOOSE AND IN ALL PRICE RANGES. THERE IS PARTICULAR DEMAND FOR 3 BED SEMIS OF ALL TYPES.

Please call 01446 713003; text 07847 888750 or
email andrew.fenton@chris-davies.co.uk
providing contact details.

Competitive Fees; Extensive Advertising;
Exceptional Attention



Cwrt Edward, Barry
4 Double Bedrooms & 2 Receptions
Large Family Kitchen
Large Rear Garden

£229,950 D62



Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry
4 Double Bedrooms; 3 Receptions; Conservatory
2 En-Suites; Luxury Bathroom; Character
Annexe/Studio; Extensive Parking; No Chain

£349,950 D66



Havant Close, Rhoose
2 Double Bedrooms; Sea Views
Large Living Room; Refitted Kitchen
White Bathroom & WC; No Chain

£95,000 D67




Heol Pilipala, Rhoose Point
4 Bedrooms; 2 Receptions
In Excellent Order Throughout
Good Parking Facilities

£219,950 C71



Maes Lindys, Rhoose Point
4 Bedrooms; 2 Receptions
Beautifully Presented Throughout
Select Cul-De-Sac; Drive & Garage

£224,950 C73



Matthew Road, Rhoose
3 Bedrooms; Very Large Plot
Conservatory; Excellent Order
Potential To Extend; Generous Parking

£249,950 E49

WANTED
TENANTED PROPERTIES
REQUIRED FOR CASH
INVESTORS. CF61, CF62,
CF5, CF11 AND SW3.
CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE.
NO CONTACT WITH TENANT
NECESSARY.
14 DAY COMPLETION.
Email full details to
cardiff@chris-davies.co.uk



Fonmon Road, Rhoose
3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
Very Large Garden Plot
Great Location; Refurbished

£275,000 D67



Fonmon Road, Rhoose
4 Bedrooms & Study
Plentiful Parking; Lovely Order
2 Receptions & Kitchen/Family Room

£299,950 D65



Cilgant Y Meillion, Rhoose Point
4 Bedrooms & Bonus Room
3 Receptions; Conservatory Style Room
Large Family Gardens; Excellent Order

£335,000 D64

DON'T DO IT YOURSELF...

...CALL A PROFESSIONAL FROM OUR A-Z LIST!

Advertisers please note: deadline for Classified Section is **5pm Monday** (to appear in the following week's edition).
Telephone 01446 774484. email: vanessa.james@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Aerials, Digital & Satellite

SONOS WiFi Wireless Sound Systems Supplied and Installed

ONE VISION DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS

Free Sky TV Dish & Sky Box Installation

Ring for Latest Subscription Package Deals

240 CASH BACK for any New Sky Customer Taking a Subscription Package

SKY Repairs, adjustments and installations.

- ✓ Domestic & Commercial
- ✓ Discounts For Cops
- ✓ 24 Hour 7 Days Service
- ✓ 12 Month Guarantee
- ✓ RDI Approved Installers

FREE ESTIMATES SAME DAY SERVICE

Call Paul Williams
Cowbridge 01446 439 306 Bridgend 01656 349 281

www.onevisionltd.co.uk

Blinds & Curtains

Create the Mood for your home for less than you think with **Solar Sunshades.**

Shutters Awnings Blinds and Motorisation Conservatories Curtains

Cardiff showroom
Capely Mill Retail Park, Sloper Road, Cardiff, CF11 8AA

Bridgend showroom
North Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3TP

Barry: 01446 438103
Bridgend: 01656 349473

www.solarsunshades.co.uk

solar Create the Mood

VALE DIGITAL
DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES

SPECIAL OFFER!!!!

DIGITAL AERIAL COMPLETE INSTALLATION FROM £60
EXTRA ROOMS £20 EACH

TV WALL MOUNTING & TV SET UP & TUNE IN SERVICE
ALL TYPES OF AERIAL & SATELLITES REPAIRED OR REPLACED
Tel. TIM on 07974 065096 ANYTIME

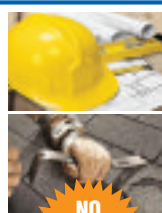
COMPETITIVE PRICES - FREE ESTIMATES - OAP DISCOUNTS - 7 DAY SERVICE COVERING ALL AREAS

Building Services

MIKE ANDERSON
BUILDERS EXTRAORDINAIRE
BUILDING & ROOFING SPECIALIST

- Renovations
- Slate & Roof Tiling
- Timber Framed Houses
- Barn or Loft Conversions
- Conservatories
- UPVC Windows & Doors
- Wetrooms and all invalidity
- Bathrooms & Showers

Call now for a FREE estimate
01656 771870 / 07976 720368
Email: MAbuilders2015@outlook.com



NO JOB TOO SMALL!

1st Digital Aerials
Local Digital Aerial Specialist

Digital Aerials Installed & Repaired.
Set Up and Tune In Service.

Problems with:
• Missing Channels • Freezing • Breaking Up

Call Adrian on 07999 331 160
or Barry 01446 743267
www.1st-digital.co.uk

SPECIAL OFFER - £60
Complete Installation plus £20 per extra room

ace Plastering & Building Services
PROFESSIONAL PLASTERING CONTRACTORS

'Bring your home up-to-date with a smooth & modern finish.'

Tel: 07891 259219 or 01446 626010
www.aceplasteringandbuildingservices.co.uk

Broadband/Telephones

TELE-ELECTRICAL SERVICING
Specialist repairs in TV, Video, DVD & Audio.
Installations, tuning and set-up service.

Tel: (01656) 654156
or 07792 887835

Contact The GEM
Classified Section on 01446 774484;
or E-Mail Vanessa at: vanessa.james@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

AFFORDABLE BUILDING SERVICES

Extensions, Renovations
Brick/Blockwork
Kitchen & Bathroom Fitting
Carpentry & Plastering
Digger/Driver Hire

02920 309209
07583 761681

STANTON CONSTRUCTION
All building work covered

- Roofing & Repairs
- Rendering
- Driveways
- Guttering
- Chimneys
- Extensions
- Disabled Bathrooms
- UPVC Windows & Doors
- Stairlifts
- All Electric Work

01446 489368

ARDENT TELEPHONE WIRING

Local Telephone and Broadband Engineer.
Extensions and Faults.
Internet connection issues.

Tel 07787 380972
ardent.wiring@hotmail.co.uk

3 GOOD REASONS

- 1 FREE Fitting
- 2 FREE Quotation
- 3 5 Year Guarantee

3 Vertical Blinds from £99

Freephone: **0500 295192**
Made in Wales.....Proud to be Welsh

Mirage Blinds
One offer per Household - Selected Ranges
Maximum 60"x60"

Chimney Sweeps

Install a Stove
Log burners, chimneys, external flues.
HETAS registered, chimney sweep
Alex Davies
Solid fuel specialist/installer
Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan
alex.chopper@hotmail.co.uk 07723565047

Building Services

D.P. BUILDING SERVICES

- Kitchens • Bathrooms
- Extensions • Plastering
- Carpentry • Joinery
- Roofing • Brickwork
- Conservatories

NO JOB TOO SMALL
Tel: 01446 711968
07831 655429

MASONWISE BUILDERS
Established since 1979

- Extensions
- Disabled Grant Work
- Roofing & Repairs
- Conservatories
- Patio & Drives

No Job Too Small
Free Estimates
44 Newlands Street, Barry

ace Building & Civils
GENERAL BUILDING, REFURBISHMENTS & CONVERSIONS.
DEMOLITION & GROUND WORKS.
DRIVEWAYS, PATIOS, GARDEN WALLING & PATHS.
KITCHENS, BATHROOMS & GENERAL WOODWORK.

Tel: 07891 259219 or 01446 626010
www.aceplasteringandbuildingservices.co.uk

Carpentry Services

R. GRIFFITHS CARPENTRY
All aspects of Carpentry work

Professional, friendly, caring service

- Kitchen Installations • Flooring • Doors
- Fencing • Decking • Bespoke Wardrobes

Contact Rhys on 01446 401350 / 07803 696451
www.rgriffithscarpentry.com

C.R. JOSE
CHIMNEY SWEEP
WOOD & MULTIFUELED STOVES
SERVICED, INSTALLED & REPAIRED.
Bird guards fitted.

Telephone: 01446 792735 ~ Est 1965 ~

BARRY & VALE DAMP & TIMBER TREATMENT
SOLVING ALL YOUR DAMP PROBLEMS

01446 420784
07970 642537

www.barryandvaldampproofing.co.uk

ALL TRADES SOLUTIONS
BUILDING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

- EXTENSIONS
- RENOVATIONS
- PLASTERING
- PAINTING & DECORATING
- ROOFING

07514 898494

Bridgend Construction
Loft Conversions,
Extensions and all types
of Building and
Carpentry Services.
Call Neil Cox for Free
Quotation & Advice.

01656 721490
07974 748366

Menzies Carpentry Services
KITCHENS, BEDROOMS & BATHROOMS
SUPPLIED & FITTED
All aspects of Carpentry
work undertaken

Call Mark on
07917 102766

AB COMPUTER SERVICES
TUITION - BROADBAND
WIRELESS NETWORKS
REPAIRS & INSTALLATION

For home or office
Tel: 07811 422 946
www.cowbridge-it.co.uk

Fast, reliable computer repairs
Home or Business
Bring to us or onsite service
Virus problems, data recovery,
Internet issues etc.
Covering the Vale and
surrounding areas

HDCS
Unit 37a
Vale Business Park
Llandow, CF71 7PF

Tel 01446 333330 www.hdcs.co.uk

The GEM 01446 774484

Cleaning Services

1st CHOICE

Professional, Reliable, Established. Prices you can't afford to miss out on. Plus...

CARPET/UPHOLSTERY AND RUG CLEANING. LEATHER CLEANING.

Fully Insured

Stain & Odour Removal
FREE with carpet clean

07930 157952
01446 737695

Electrical Services

CA Jones Electrical Services

- Specialising in all types of electrical heating.
- Registered to install Dimplex heaters.
- Upgrade your old fuse board to a modern MCB board from £150.
- Installing, test & maintaining electrical systems.
- Keeping standards high & our prices low.

07889338088 / 01656 864001
Email: cajoneselectrical@gmail.com

Garden Services

LUMBERJACKS City & Guilds NPTC

TREE & GARDEN SERVICES

CITY & GUILDS QUALIFIED

ALL WORK IS TO THE LATEST BRITISH STANDARDS BS-3998-2010

Call for all your Tree, Hedge and Shrub needs
For a completely free no obligation quote

- 2 million pounds Public Liability Insurance
- All credentials happily produced on request
- All waste generated removed within quotations

SEASONED HARD WOOD LOGS FOR SALE £80 1 CUBIC M³ LOOSE

Free local delivery

10% OFF with this advert

Call Dion anytime on 01446 728197

WE WILL BEAT ANY GENUINE QUOTE

James Neilson
Fencing, Decking & Landscaping Services

All aspects of Fencing and Decking undertaken.
No hard sales just a chance to quote. **Free quotation.**

01446 402765
07540 117474

Decorating Services

COWBRIDGE DECORATING

Serving Cowbridge and the Vale

Domestic & Commercial work
Interiors & Exteriors
Insurance work undertaken
UPVC Soffits, fascias & guttering
Clean, tidy & reliable

FREE estimates & quotations

01446 781448
07973 628842
www.cowbridgedecorating.com
email: jdrummond137@gmail.com

Cowbridge & Vale Electrical
R.J.B.

All electrical installation works carried out.
Emergency call-out, re-wires, sockets, lights, Security.

01446 771655
07885 347642

EIE
National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting
Approved Contractor

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

Washing Machines, Cookers, Fridge/Freezers, Tumble Dryers, Ovens, Hobs, Hoods, Built-in or Freestanding Appliances.

APPLIANCE CENTRE
01446 700206/730884

A&C Electrical Solutions

Domestic Appliance repairs.

Appliances not removed.
Appointment times given
Over 30 years experience
Covering Penarth to Porthcawl
Card payments accepted.

07732 264 803 24 Hr

LK Electrical

All types of Electrical work undertaken.
Testing, Inspection & Certification

07891 965150

REPAIRS

Washing Machines
Electric Cookers,
Tumble Dryers, etc

Repaired in your own home

0800 2984518
Barry 744117

Barry & Vale Electrical RLS

All domestic electrical work undertaken.
No job too small.

07909 953917

The GEM

01446 774484

NH Painter & Decorator
a name you can trust

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR

Weekend Calls Welcome

Time served, qualified, professional, fast, clean worker, all insurance work undertaken

T 01446 772702
M 07505 979078

www.nhdecorating.co.uk
nhurleypd@googlemail.com

TRUE COLOURS

Painter & Decorator Interior & Exterior

City & Guilds Certified

25 years experience
Wallpaper specialist
Free Estimates
Quality Guaranteed

07873 326 892
01446 402 708

Inexpensive Painting

Exterior & Interior
Using Quality Paint

Tel: 01656 741586
07704 535802

NIGEL BOARDMAN
Tradesman,
Painter & Decorator

Advanced City & Guilds
Est 1985 • Free Estimates

07803 571757

www.daisydecoratinganddesign.com

Female run business
Interior painting & wall papering service

Phone Joy on
07754 809090

The GEM
01446 774484

Exterior Cleaning

Dirty Driveway, Deck, Patio or Paving?

Free no-obligation quotations
"You'll be amazed at the difference"

ValeJetClean
Tel: 02920 700571
www.ValeJetClean.co.uk

Arborwood Tree Care

- Tree Pruning • Crown Lifting • Tree Felling • Dangerous Tree Work • Pollarding • Deadwooding • Hedge Cutting • Tree Dismantling • Root Pruning • Ground Clearance

Call us for a friendly, free quote, fully insured

Tel: 07910 417471 or 01446 792262
Seasoned Hard Wood For Sale

NEED A TREE SURGEON?

All tree work undertaken
Fully insured

www.ArbCymru.co.uk
TEL: 01656 646017 MOB: 07813869615

Llewellyn Garden Services

Mowing, Hedge Cutting, Fencing, Garden Clearance

Great House Farm
Penllyn, Cowbridge

Rob: 01446 775104 evenings
Dave: 07890 712578

Vale Mower services

Lawn mower service and repairs

- Most makes and models.
- Lawn mowers, ride on mowers, chainsaws etc.
- All types of garden machinery.

Collection service available

Call 01446 781222

C. BISHOP & SON

Garden Carpentry & Soft Landscaping.
Fencing, Side Gates, Decking, Raised Beds, Hand Crafted Sheds & Summer Houses, Repairs
Artificial Turf Laying plus much more.

Just ask: 01656 725008/07950 152020

BRIDGE VALE TREE SERVICES

Specialists in Large/Dangerous Trees

HIGHLY QUALIFIED/INSURED
COMMERCIAL or DOMESTIC
SITE CLEARANCE

FELLING, PRUNING, CROWN REDUCTION, THINNING OUT AND TOTAL DISMANTLING

- FREE QUOTES -
Tel: 01446 713857 or 07921 902729

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

NDP GARDEN and PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Grass Cutting, Weeding
Shrubs & Hedges Trimmed.
Tree Felling,
Fencing, Turfing,
Gutters & Fascias Cleaned
Drives, Patios, Roofs, etc.
Power Washed.

- Free Estimates
- Reliable Family Team

01446 773935
or 07773 992704

RIVERLEH Horticulture

WE SELL THE BEST AND SERVICE THE BEST

LAWN MOWERS • RIDER CUTS • CHAINSAWS • STRIMMERS
HEDGE CUTTERS AND GARDEN ACCESSORIES

Husqvarna and more
Woodland Garden Trainers
More than just a lawnmower!

Most makes serviced and repaired
Collection service available

Vale Business Park, Llandow, Cowbridge CF11 7PF

Tel: 01446 775602

Transform Your Garden • Free Expert Advice

Landscaping
Patios
Fencing Specialist
Tree Felling
Gravel Areas
Decking including UPVC.
Full Design Service

Excellent References & Portfolio

T: 01446 413945 M: 07971 888151
E: info@orgardenservices.co.uk

Broadway Garden Services including

- Fencing and Turfing
- Garden Clearance
- All Tree Work

Will beat any genuine quote

Call 01446 625 696 or 07710 242 013

Gas Services

Andrew Allen Gas & Plumbing Limited

A family run business for your family needs!

INSTALLATION, SERVICING & BREAKDOWNS ON ALL GAS APPLIANCES. ALL FIRES & FIRE SURROUNDS INSTALLED

GAS BOILER SERVICE £50 (WITH CERTIFICATE)

10 Year Warranty on New Boilers
"Subject to conditions"

Find us today on Facebook.
TEL: 07891 348113
and 07740 518131

Double Glazing

All Double Glazing Repairs & Maintenance
PVC-U, Aluminium & Timber Windows

- Misted Units inc. Bevels & Stains
- Broken Handles/Hinges
- Door Locks Repaired & Upgraded
- Replacement Door Panels
- New Rubber Seals
- Fully Qualified Locksmith

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AND INSURANCE QUOTATIONS

01656 788403
Mobile: 07515 860113
www.bridgendwindows.com

VCS

Vale Cleaning Services Offer

Window Cleaning, Jet Washing, Gutter Cleaning and Clearance
Conservatories Valeted, External Painting.

Call 07723 612876

Call 01446 774484 to advise with **The GEM**, and reach 45,000 homes from Penarth to Porthcawl

Garage Doors

GARAGE DOOR SERVICES

In the Vale serving the Vale

All types of doors supplied, fitted & repaired
Over 15 years experience.
Same day repairs.

07783 703366
01446 743181
www.gdsdoors.co.uk

Guttering

CCMS (Wales) Ltd

GUTTER CLEANING
FASCIA WASH & WINDOW CLEANER

01446 741460
07830 480569

Century Plastics Guttering Services

All aspects of guttering and UPVC undertaken

Tel: 01446 405440
07581 798352

STEVE MOLONEY

Double glazing repairs.
Hinges, handles, misted up sealed units, complete repair service available.
Established 1979.

01656 783594
or
07877 558525

WELSH WINDOW SYSTEMS
Est. 1987

Repairs to all UPVC & aluminium windows & doors

01446 738888
07877 836798

The GEM
01446 774484

Handyman Services**K & A Handyman***"A family run business"*

All aspects of general maintenance, carpentry, painting, decorating, carpet cleaning, gardening, garden & household rubbish clearance.

No task too big or small, just ask!

Contact: 07970 711879 or 01446 720840

LENNIE & JAN'S ODD JOBS

Gardening, Painting, Cleaning etc.
All Jobs welcome.
Reliable & Affordable
CRB Checked.
Call: 01446 719223

ace

Building, Maintenance & Handyman Services around the home.

07891 259219
01446 626010

Loft Conversions

Is your roof space a waste of space?

Loft ladders supplied & fitted from only £184

- Loft boarding - for a safe storage area
- Hatch enlargements - too small to get in?
- New access points cut
- Loft insulation - top up to current regs

Call Dave or Matt on 02921 971871 or 07786 038810

Web: atticattack.net daveatticattack@googlemail.com

10% DISCOUNT on all advertised prices with this ad

Plastering Services**GUY FORD Quality Plastering Service**

Specialising in Coverage of Artex Ceilings
FREE QUOTES
07812093098

Cowbridge & Vale PLASTERERS

All Interior and Exterior work
Free Quotes

Tel. 01446 774899
0781 685 7935

Plumbing Services**AQUATEC PLUMBING & CO CALL FOR A FREE QUOTATION**

- PLUMBING • CARPENTRY • TILING
 - FLOORING • PAINTING • DRY WALL LINING
 - PLASTERING AND MUCH MORE
- ALL REALISTIC QUOTES BEATEN**
07870568388 / davedew72@gmail.com

VALE HEATING COMPANY

- Plumbing
 - Heating
 - Bathrooms
 - LPG
 - Landlord Certificates
- Tony Patten: 07789222800
Aberthyn, Cowbridge
Valeheatingco@yahoo.com

Chris Davies Plumbing & Heating

City & Guilds
Rads, Taps, Bathrooms, & Boiler Installations
07723 024765

DC Plumbing

- NO call out charge
 - Flexible hours
 - No job too small
- Call Dave on:
Tel: 01446 413971
Mobile: 0779 263 0939

JW Bathrooms

- Plumbing • Tiling
 - Plastering • Wet Rooms
- Free estimates
No job too small
01446 400225
07866 470754

JOHN SARTAIN

Plumbing & Tiling
01446 794266

ALL TRADES SOLUTIONS PLUMBING & HEATING
• BOILER INSTALLATION & BREAKDOWN SPECIALIST
• FULL HEATING INSTALLATIONS
• GAS SAFETY CERTIFICATES
• RADIATOR INSTALLATIONS
• 24 HOUR BREAKDOWN SERVICES
• FULL BATHROOM INSTALLATIONS
07981 984965

Roofing Services

01656 720551
07973 488806

Roofing specialists

S. MIDDLETON & SON

We cover all aspects of roofing including Firestone EPDM Flat Roofing Rubber Systems
www.middletonroofing.co.uk

Fairfax & Glover Roofing

- Slating • Tiling • Lead Roofs
- Lead Fabrications/Welding

EST. OVER 25 YEARS

Tel. 01446 773945

01446 781266

Mobile 07986 964904

ROOFTEC ROOFING SERVICE

New slate/tile/flat roofs.
Also fibreglass flat roofs.
All aspects of uPVC guttering, fascias, downpipes, etc.
Chimney/valley repairs.
House maintenance work carried out.
No job too small.
Guaranteed competitive rates.
Tel. (01656) 722593
Mobile: 07969 248688.
Free estimates
24 hour emergency call out.

David Ryan Roofing

All Roofs Repaired
Velux Skylight fitted
Slating & Tiling repairs
Rubber Flat Roofs renewed
Chimneys re-pointed
Chimney pots
Lead valley & flashing repairs
uPVC Fascias & Cladding renewed

01446 726336
Tel: 01446 726336
Mob: 07885 932468
www.davidryanroofing.co.uk

Call 01446 774484 to advertise with The GEM, and reach 45,000 homes from Penarth to Porthcawl

CRD CONTRACTORS LTD

All types of guttering and repairs from £40.00. Roof repairs from £50.00. Fascia, Gutter & Conservatory Cleaning.
Telephone:
01443 887646/07899 164310

Removal Services**PYRAMID REMOVALS**

Near or far, small or large
01446 311261
07392 237370

Barry House Clearance

We offer a fast reliable service clearing:
• Houses • Attics
• Garages • Outbuildings
• Garden Waste
Household items bought & sold. No job too large or small. Established over 25 years. For free no obligation estimate call:
Alan - 07950 278284
Steve - 07500 041690
www.barry-house-clearance.co.uk

Storage Services**ATLANTIC SELF STORAGE**

Self Storage Containers & Lock-Ups sited in Barry
Manned 7 days a week giving you 7 days access
www.atlanticselfstorage.co.uk
01446 677648 / 07813 134123

Septic Tank Disposal**OK Environmental Services Ltd**

Local family-run business for all your liquid waste needs. Cesspits/Septic Tanks, Liquid Waste Specialists.

Contact William Oakes on 01656 862414
07779 255639/07870 388432

Advertisers please note :
deadline for Classified Section
is **5pm Monday**
(to appear in the following week's edition)

Wanted**WANTED****Camper Van/Caravan**

Any age, any condition, including an unfinished project with/without MOT. If it's in your garage or on your drive.

Call Mark, cash waiting
07425 139331

WANTED**Classic/Old Car**

Any age, any condition, including an unfinished project or motorcycle. If it's in your garage or on your drive.

Call Mark, cash waiting
07425 139331/01446 794866

SBS SALVAGE LTD

Barry's newest car dismantling facility registered with the environment agency, DVLA & Vale of Glamorgan Council

No job too big or too small

Immediate payment of up to £10,000
MOT failures / Untaxed or scrapped vehicle.
Best prices paid for copper / Lead, Aluminium / Stainless steel, Computer boards / Electric cable and catalytic converters

Free of Charge:

- Light demolition
- Factory/Farm Clearances
- All grades of metal taken
- Ferrous or non-ferrous
- Household appliances
- Car batteries

CALL US TODAY www.sbsalvage.com
01446 421034 • 07772 054534 • Monday to Sunday 07410 549526

Tiling Services**Tiling by Tanya**

- All aspects of wall & floor tiling
- Ceramic, porcelain, natural stone
- Friendly, professional service
- No obligation free quotes

07814 124 851 or 01446 736760

Bonny Tiler

Wall & Floor Tiling Specialists
Full Bathroom and Wetroom installation

Professional, Friendly & Reliable Service
01446 796582 / 07854 168459
www.bonnytiler.co.uk

Tilestyle

SPECIALISTS WALL AND FLOOR CERAMIC & NATURAL STONE TILING
Martyn Hacker
M: 07816 668076 • Tel/Fax: 01446 792676
E: martyn@tilestyle.org • www.tilestyle.org

Tuition**TUITION**

Qualified & experienced teacher offering tuition of English, French and Spanish to both children and adults (beginners up to A-Level).

Tel: 01446 420035 or 07814 257641

Upholstery Services**Susan Viant Re-upholstery**

All aspects of re-upholstery undertaken.
Call
01656 724005 (day)
01656 720722 (evenings) wanted

Wood for Sale**FIREWOOD**

Seasoned & Kiln Dried

Call 01446 771567 for bulk winter deals
www.topstak.co.uk

Buy 10 handy bags at £5.50 each get 1 free!
Topstak

Quality kiln dried and seasoned firewood
FOR SALE

Just Wood
Contact
Jeff on 01874 730329 or 07779 730847
www.justwoodfuel.co.uk

LLANMAES LOGS SEASONED FIREWOOD SUSTAINABLE LOCALLY SOURCED

£45 PER TON BAG • FREE LOCAL DELIVERY
SPECIAL RATES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
01446 796338 / 07999 552599

Are you fit to deliver?

We need fit reliable people to help distribute the **Glamorgan GEM** newspaper to local homes, once a week.

- TEENAGERS (aged 13 years and over)
- ACTIVE SENIOR CITIZENS
- HOUSEWIVES • STUDENTS

SHIFT WORKERS

Please ring: 01202 811666
email info@thedistributionbusiness.co.uk
If we do not have an immediate vacancy in your area, your details will be placed on our waiting list until a suitable opportunity occurs.

The latest news, reviews and sports stories...

ONE WEBSITE with all the information you need!

The Glamorgan GEM
www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Family Notices

COLLARD Elizabeth Geraldine

on 21st February 2017, aged 64

Fond memories from family and friends. Committal at Barry Crematorium, Monday, 27th March at 3pm. Donations to MDA Research.

LEGG Edwin Andrew

Peacefully on 9 March at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry, Edwin Andrew, aged 92 years.

Previously of Orchard House and Dunraven Street, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Sylvia May, dearly loved father of Stephen, John, Linda and father in law of Leza. Cherished grandfather of Yousef, Ranya, Geraldine, Elliot, Marlon and great grandfather of Tiana and Sofi.

Edwin will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry where flowers may be sent until the funeral on Thursday, March 23.

Service in the chapel at 11am, afterwards cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium Port Road East, Barry.

COYLE Miller James

Tragically on 5th March 2017 at the University Hospital of Wales, in the arms of his loving parents, Miller, aged 15, adored son of Derrick and Sarah, big brother of Mikey and Mac, devoted grandson of Jan and Keith Richards. *Losing Miller will leave a huge hole in the lives of his family and many friends*

The funeral service will be held at All Saint's Church, Penarth on Tuesday, 21st March 2017 at 1.45pm, thereafter to Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral director James Summers & Son, Lavernock Road, Penarth, CF64 5UP, or donations to Penarth Lifeboat Appeal or Noah's Ark.

WHITELEGG William

Peacefully on March 3, 2017, Bill aged 84 years, beloved husband of the late Eileen, much loved father of Paul and Helen, cherished Gramps and Bobo to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bill will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major, until the funeral service at St Illtyds Church on Friday, March 24 at 1.30pm, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for the RNLI c/o the funeral director.

EVANS Irene (Rene)

Peacefully on 12th March 2017 with her daughters by her side. Much loved mum of Lorraine, Maria, Lynfa Gillian and son-in-laws. Sadly missed by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her brothers and sister.

Currently resting at Park Independent Funeral Home until the service on Thursday, 23rd March, 12pm at St Helen's, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to be given to Age Concern.

SMITH John

Peacefully at UHW Cardiff on March 9, John of St Athan - having won a number of battles, this one got the better of him. He will be greatly missed by his wife Sue, his siblings Josie, Jane, Peter, Albert, Joan, Janet and Tony, his extended family and all his friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffnon. A Celebration of his life will be at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, March 22 at 3pm.

Family flowers only please, and donations to Cancer Research Wales c/o J James, 11 Ffnon Road, Rhos, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

RAMSAY John Charles

Passed away suddenly on 1st March in Winchester, Hampshire. Formerly of Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Sadly missed by his fiancée and family.

Currently resting at Park Funeral Directors until his service on 21st March, 11am at St Athan Church, St Athan.

SEWELL Noreen Bernadette (Née Maidment)

Peacefully on March 10th at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth surrounded by her loving family - Noreen, well known for her love of Barry Town FC and regularly seen walking her dog Sid and recently Freddie. Much loved mum of Donna, Natalie and Scott. Cherished mum-in-law to Darran. An adored nan of Kieran and Kelsey, loving sister of Liam, John and their wives Diane and Karen.

Noreen will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, March 27th at 11am. Family floral tributes only - donations if desired may be made at the service (where Marie Curie Daffodil badges will be available) or via Noreen's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages.

All donations received to support the work of Marie Curie Hospice in memory of Noreen.

HARVEY Gerrard Steven

Peacefully at home on 12th March 2017 surrounded by his family, Gerrard, aged 64 years. Beloved husband of Lyndsey, much loved dad of Miles and Digger (Adam).

Gerrard will be deeply missed by all his family and friends. The family would also like to add that the strength, unconditional love and support that he gave to them at all times, even throughout his final days, will be treasured forever.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at All Saints Church on Friday, 24th March at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home or donations in lieu, if so desired, would be gratefully appreciated for Velindre Hospital c/o the funeral director.

HARVEY Gerrard Steven

Dearly beloved son to Sheila and the late Fred, brother to Lynette and Anthony and uncle to Amy and Georgia.

Your courage and strength are an inspiration to your family and all those that love you, sleep peacefully, forever in our hearts, good night and God bless from us all.

Funeral Directors

Green Willow Funerals

Family Centred Funeral Services. All profits donated to charity

For caring, sensitive, bespoke funeral arrangements at a time of need.

Contact Jordan Tyler based at
**21a Station Road,
Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE**
02920 514627

We welcome no-obligation enquiries and also cater for 'pre-need' funeral plans which help:

- Limit costs • Record your wishes
- Relieve your pressure on family & loved ones

www.greenwillowfunerals.com

Penarth Funeral Directors

Hickman Road Funeral Home



AVERAGE COSTS INCLUDE:

Coffin, Hearse, Linen, Robe, Bearers, Grave or Cremation, Church, Minister & Doctor's Fees

No charge for services not required

Cremation - Thornhill £3,275

Cremation - Barry £3,450

Burial - Penarth £3,350

Burial - Barry £3,440

No Hidden Costs

02920 703581

Supporting local charities with monthly donations

Park Independent Funeral Directors

Caring for Your Loved Ones



Rebecca Adams
Senior Funeral Director

- 24hr Immediate Attention
- Affordable Funeral Packages
- Male & Female Staff
- Funeral Plans Offered
- Horse Drawn Hearse, a motor cycle and sidecar hearse, a classic lorry, a Bagpiper, or Doves, which are sometimes released at our Funerals
- Eco Friendly Funerals, coffins made from natural materials.

Call us on 02920 705555 www.parkfunerals.co.uk

3 Andrews Buildings, Stanwell Road, Penarth, CF64 2AA

7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, CF62 8HB 01446 421212



Robert D Johnson

Cert FP

Independent Funeral Director
Family owned and run

Affordable Funeral Packages

Hearse • One Limousine • Coffin • Crematorium Fees
Minister Fees • Doctors Fees

£2900

Price based on Barry Crematorium

- 24 hour immediate personal service
- All funeral arrangements are tailored to your requirement, more importantly, your budget
- Arrangements available seven days a week • Private chapel of rest

29 Holton Rd, Barry CF63 4HA

Tel 01446 733844

Email rjfunerals@gmail.com

www.robertdjohnsonfuneralservices.co.uk

Acknowledgements

JONES Anthony (Tony)

The family of the late Tony would like to thank everyone for their kindness, sympathy and support for him over the last three months in which he fought with great courage, humour and dignity.

We thank all the doctors and nursing staff at CITU for their professionalism in caring for him. Special thanks to Mr. Rahman for the tireless efforts and encouragement he gave us all.

Heartfelt thanks to Canon Pat O Gorman for his service and help. Special thanks to all who travelled long distances to show their affection and respect to Tony. To Bryan Mote for driving us at all times of day or night, and to all who visited us at this very sad time and sent sympathy cards. Also to those who generously donated to Cardiac Unit U.H.W. Heath Park, c/o Mrs L. Barrett. Thanks to Robert at A G Adams Funeralcare, and also Hilary West for the beautiful floral tributes.

The Vale Funeral Service
Independent Funeral Directors
Our Family, always your Family

Independent Family Funeral Directors
We are an established family-run business serving Barry and the surrounding areas. We can take care of every detail, advise and help you on each and every step of the way.

Traditional/Bespoke Funerals
Private Chapel of Rest
Prepaid Funeral Plans

Horse-Drawn Carriages, Motorcycle Hearse and alternatives available.
Funerals can be arranged in the comfort of your own home.
Independent 24 hour service.
Reliable and professional.
Always here for you.

01446 407962
181 Court Road, Barry
Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 1EX
www.valefuneralservice.co.uk

Family Notices

BRAUND
William (Bill)

Peacefully on 12 March at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry. William (Bill), aged 92 years, of Barry, known for walking with his two Westey dogs Morgan and Toby. Dearly loved husband of Joyce. Loving father of Susan and father-in-law of the late John. Devoted grandfather of Richard, Kate and her partner Andrew. Dear brother of Marion and the late Bert.

Bill will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 22 March. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, where family and friends please meet at 2pm. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Alzheimers and Dogs Trust.

TUTTON
Barbara (Babs)

Suddenly at home on March 11th - Babs, cherished mum of Richard and Joanne. Loving mother-in-law to Samantha and Ben. An adored nan to Jake and Daniel, loving sister to Loris. *She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.*

Babs is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until her service at Cadoston Methodist Church, Barry on Tuesday, 28th March at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

All are welcome to leave their personal messages and memories via Bab's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk
Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

SUMNER
Elizabeth

Passed away peacefully on 8th March at Y Bwythyn Newydd. Elizabeth of Severn Road, Porthcawl. Beloved wife of Neil, dearly loved mother of Katie and Dafydd, stepmother of Alice, sister to John, aunt to Adam and James, great aunt to Harri, Summer, Miles, Isabelle and Max. *Sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at David Wilde Chapel of Rest Mawdlam until the funeral on Monday, 20th March. Service at All Saints Church Porthcawl at 10.30am, followed by interment at Porthcawl Cemetery.

Donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research UK C/O Brian Thomas Funeral Director, 01656 740070.

BARTLETT
Lilian Jean (Jean)

Peacefully after a short time at Llandough Hospital, Jean sadly passed away. Well known for her time working at Dan Evans coffee shop, Barry. Devoted wife of the late Leslie, much loved mum of David and Susan, cherished nanna and great nanna to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jean will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 24th March at 2pm. Floral tributes are welcome to be sent via the funeral home. Further enquiries contact Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

Birthday
Memories**HOPKINS**
Audrey
Patricia

17th March, 2016

A year has passed since we said goodbye, but not a moment have we forgotten your beautiful smile.

We love and miss you today and always, our mum and nan.

Dawn, Rob, Caz, Gem and Chloe xxx

Public
Notices

PROFESSOR THOMAS HERDMAN
MCPHERSON Deceased
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 23 Berkeley Drive, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan, CF64 3DW, who died on 12/02/2017, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned on or before 17/05/2017, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
Slater & Gordon Solicitors
Haywood House North, Dumbries Place, Cardiff, CF10 3GA
Ref: kzkum1386557

Diesel 1/2 Bag Concrete Mixer

In need of minor attention

£90 ono

Tel 01656 860597
(answer phone available)

Light Oak Table

Extends to seat six, good condition. Buyer to collect.

£40

Light Oak Cot/Bed

Suitable from birth to 3-4 years olds. Very good condition.

£40

Mattress available if wanted. Buyer to collect.

01446 735847

Indesit under the counter freezer (D22AA50)

3 drawer. Excellent condition

£70

01656 514690

IKEA - Lycksele chair/bed

with mattress and cover. Like new.

£60 ono

Tel 01656 783426

FOR SALE

Hotpoint Tumble Dryer. Recently Serviced.

£80 ono

Tel 01446 410058

FOR SALE

Table Tennis Table - Kettler, All weather. Full Size. Folds.

New condition. **£100**

Gents Ankle Boots. Brown Leather. Size 8 1/2

Never worn. **£25**

Tel 01446 772960

Laurel Hedging

Approx 35 Shrubs. Height 18 to 24 inches.

£4 each or £120 the lot

01446 760508

after 6pm

07743 426270

Are you moving?

Free to Collector

30 Professional moving boxes.

Medium size.

01446 772881

PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern:

I **Leanne Johns** do hereby give notice that I have applied to the Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the grant of a premises licence at **Ty Tello, Llandow, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7NT, known as Ty Tello.**

The application is to: **sell alcohol online.**

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to the Senior Licensing Officer, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, not later than 28 days from and including the date of this notice (as below). Representations received after this date will not be considered. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000. Signed: **L. Johns** Date: 6th March, 2017

Anniversaries

Golden Wedding

Garrison

To a lovely couple Mum and Dad,

Alan and Annette

Fred and Gary

Happy 50th Golden Anniversary 18th March

with all our love their son Mark, partner Tracy, grandsons Kyle and Deon and over 50 or more care children and adults would like to say Happy Anniversary xxx

Situations Vacant

REQUIRED:

Experienced Part Time Graphic Designer

To design all aspects of paper and in-store advertising. 15hrs available, office location in Llantwit Major.

Please contact

Simon Hunt if interested, along with CV. **Simon.Hunt@filco.co.uk**

Allied Healthcare**RECRUITING WEEKEND STAFF NOW!**

£8 per hour plus mileage & holiday pay. For immediate interview call: **01446 747777**

Call 01446 774484 to advertise with The GEM, and reach 45,000 homes from Penarth to Porthcawl

Birthdays

JAKE RYAN CANCELLIERE**HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY JAKADUDE**

NO 1 GRANDSON YOU'RE OUR WORLD

Love you to the moon and back, love Nan & Bamp xxxxxxxx



Wishing my bundle of lushness

Jake Cancelliere

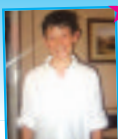
A fab 21st birthday

Enjoy your party!!

Love you infinity and beyond,

Mum, Fran and Ffion-Rose

xxx

**NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER**

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 12 PENARTH)

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

2017

The above Order, made on 2 February 2017, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the public footpath to the southwest of Cwrt Ty Mawr from a line running in a west south westerly direction from NGR 317003 170662 to Sully Road (NGR 316848 170600) to a line running in a westerly direction from NGR 317003 170662 to Sully Road (NGR 316816 170671) as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT not later than 13 April 2017. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, The Vale of Glamorgan Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated this 16 March 2017

**HYSBYSIAD GWNEUD GORCHYMYN**

DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO

MORGANNWG

DARGYFIEIRO LLYWYR CYHOEDDUS

(LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS PENARTH RHIF

12) 2017

Bydd y Gorchymyn uchod, wedi'i gwneud ar 2 Chwefror 2017, dan Adran 119 Ddeddf Prifffyrdd 1980, yn dargyfeirio'r llywyr cyhoeddus i dde-orllewin Cwrt Ty Mawr o linell sy'n rhedeg tua'r de-orllewin o NGR 317003 170662 i Sully Road (NGR 316848 170600) i linell sy'n rhedeg tua'r gorllewin o NGR 317003 170662 i Sully Road (NGR 316816 170671) fel y dangosir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir mynd i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isfordd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copiau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

Gellir anfon unrhyw sylwadau am neu wrthwynebiadau at y Gorchymyn yn ysgrifenedig at y Pennaeth Adfywio a Chynllunio, Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol Yr Isfordd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT nid hwyrach na 13 Ebrill 2017. Nodwch ar ba seiliau rydych yn eu gwneud.

Os na ddaw unrhyw sylwadau na gwrthwynebiadau i law, neu os cânt eu tynnu'n ôl, caiff Cyngor Bro Morgannwg gadarnhau'r Gorchymyn fel un nas gwrthwynebir. Os anfonir y Gorchymyn at Weinidogion Cymru i'w gadarnhau, caiff unrhyw sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau nas tynnwyd yn ôl eu hanfon â'r Gorchymyn.

Dyddiad 16 Mawrth 2017

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 1972

ADRAN 122 (2A) TIR GERLLAW CANOLFAN

SIAMDEN HOLM VIEW

Rhoddir HYSBYSIAD drwy hyn bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn bwriadu meddiannu tir priodol sydd ag ardal o tua 944 m² gerllaw Canolfan Hamdden Holm View, Y Barri ac sydd ar hyn o bryd dan reolaeth Adran Amgylchedd a Thai y Cyngor fel ardal amwynder / man agored at ddibenion hamdden, i Adran Dai y Cyngor at ddibenion datblygu tai.

Gellir gweld cynllun yn nodi'r tir yn y Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Heol Holltwn, Y Barri yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Rhaid i wrthwynebiadau i'r meddiant gael eu gwneud yn ysgrifenedig, gan nodi sail y gwrthwynebiadau a'u cyfeirio at Bennaeith y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol (cyf C13-1018) yn y cyfeiriad a nodir isod erbyn 23 Mawrth 2017.

Gyda golwg ar Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad i Wybodaeth) 1985 rhoddir gwybod i bersonau sy'n gwrthwynebu'r cynnig fod y Cyngor hwn yn gorfod gwneud unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynnir mewn ymateb i'r cynnig ar gael i'r cyhoedd edrych arnynt.

Dyddiedig 9 Mawrth 2017.

D. Marles
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Swyddfeydd Dinesig,
Heol Holltwn, Y Barri,
CF63 4RU

**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION

122 (2A) LAND ADJACENT TO HOLM VIEW

LEISURE CENTRE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to appropriate land having an area of approximately 944 m² adjacent to Holm View Leisure Centre, Barry and which is currently under the control of the Council's Environment and Housing Department as an amenity/open space area for leisure purposes, to the Council's Housing Department for housing development purposes.

A plan identifying the land may be examined at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry during normal office hours.

Objections to the intended appropriation must be made in writing, stating the grounds for such objections and addressed to Head of Legal Services (re C13-1018) at the address stated below by no later than 23rd March 2017.

Persons objecting to the proposal are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposal open to public inspection.

Dated this 9th day of March 2017

D. Marles
Head of Legal Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices
Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU



TITLE DELIGHT FOR PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB'S FIRSTS!

ONE week on from the third XI having their promotion from De Cymru 3 confirmed, Penarth Hockey Club were able to celebrate another notable achievement as the first XI secured not only promotion from Conference North, but also their second consecutive GoCrea8 League divisional title.

PENARTH 3, FIREBRANDS 'A' 2
There was plenty on the line as Penarth welcomed the famous hockey name of Firebrands to the Bears Den at Stanwell on Saturday, knowing that a single point from the top-of-the-table clash would be enough to secure a second successive promotion.

Firebrands enjoyed the majority of possession early on, moving the ball around the defence and midfield with purpose as they pushed hard for the early opener that had marked the teams' first meeting. Penarth, however, showed great discipline and shape as they navigated the early storm without any major scares.

As the half drew on, the Bears were happy for Firebrands to have the ball as it was their own pace on the counter-attack that started to swing the game in their favour.

Having already created chances for the home side, one such break down the right caused panic in the visitors' 'D', resulting in a penalty corner that Laith El-Khatib despite with pinpoint accuracy from the top of the 'D' into the bottom right corner.

With Penarth tails up, Firebrands began to struggle with the pace of the home side's attacks, and the Bears went for the kill before the half was out. Again, the high tempo down the right flank caused the damage,

as Penarth worked their way into the visitors' 'D' and committed the on-rushing keeper before slipping the ball to El-Khatib to fire in his second at the back post.

Penarth were not finished there either, with one last penalty corner before the half-time whistle giving Ben Croxall the chance to step up to convert for a commanding 3-0 lead at the break.

Despite the scoreline, it was clear from the restart that the experienced Firebrands team were not about to capitulate, and they continued to play quality hockey. As the visitors again began by moving the ball around, Penarth remained disciplined and well-organised as they looked to sit on their three-goal lead.

The tactic, however, proved to be costly as Firebrands were finally rewarded with the goal their play deserved, working the ball down Penarth's left before firing it to the back post, where an attacker arrived to tip in first time.

The Firebrands grabbed a quick-fire second goal as a scramble in the 'D' saw the ball slipped under goalkeeper Adam Putt to make it 3-2 with plenty of time on the clock.

As time ticked by without the visitors finding a third goal, however, the Bears began to settle down and manage the situation as they moved away from playing on the counter and began to hold possession to see out the clock.

Gradually, the game started to turn back in the hosts' favour and, with no further goals for either side, they were able to secure a hard-fought 3-2 win and secure promotion as champions.

With two games remaining on their Conference North schedule, Penarth can now enjoy an extended

victory lap before continuing their march up the GoCrea8 League tables.

Neath 2, Penarth 'A' 3
The second XI travelled to Neath knowing that anything less than a victory would more than likely see them relinquish their second place position in a closely-contested De Cymru 1 table.

Hampered in their efforts to play the expansive hockey which has served them so well this season due to the pitch, Penarth's passing moves were often broken down by an erratic bobble of the ball, but it was the away side who started better, countering quickly but proving unable to take any of the chances that came their way early on.

As the half wore on, Penarth continued to press, eventually grabbing the opening goal midway through the half. Phil Lane added to his season's impressive tally of assists by driving through midfield and finding Dave Kidby, who slipped the ball through the keeper's legs to break the deadlock.

The half ended with the Bears still 1-0 up, but knowing they had their goalkeeper to thank for the lead and that they needed to regain control of the game if they were to take the full three points.

Despite the warning, however, it was Neath who scored next, a well worked attack finding an unmarked player at the far post to finally breach Penarth's resistance and level the tie.

The equaliser, while unwanted, finally seemed to spur Penarth back into action and the lead was restored midway through the half, this time with Dave Stevens looping his penalty corner strike, somewhat fortuitously, over the prone goalkeeper.

The decisive moment in the game eventually

came from Lane, who temporarily ease the Bears' nerves by smashing home a volley from the top of the 'D' after good build-up work from Andy Strong and Rich Baker.

Now two goals down, Neath responded by pushing more men forward, determined to repeat the share of the spoils they had achieved against promotion-chasing Swansea City the week before.

With three minutes to go, Neath converted a well-worked penalty corner routine to make it 3-2 and ensure a tense finish.

The home side had one final chance to equalise, but Davison again made a crucial challenge at the penalty corner to see out the danger and ensure Penarth came away with the win.

PENARTH 'B' 4, GWENT 'B' 2
The thirds opened De Cymru 3 proceedings at Stanwell, hosting a Gwent side who they had lost to in the most recent reverse fixture a few weeks ago.

The Bears dominated possession and territory, but on their first significant piece of play, Gwent broke on the counter and scored through a fierce strike which gave goalkeeper Mark Harris no chance.

Following a very ragged 15 minute spell, the home side eventually restored parity, with skipper Dave Watkins levelling from a penalty corner to take the sides into the break on level terms.

It wasn't long into the second half before the home side started to win frequent penalty corners, the next of which ended with a Simon Wilkinson strike to make it 2-1.

A short corner resulted in a penalty flick, converted by Keir Vanner, and, while a rare Gwent attack brought the score back to 3-2 to set up for a nervous last 10 minutes for the hosts, nerves were soon calmed by the award of yet another penalty, again dispatched by Vanner to confirm a deserved 4-2 win for the Bears.

PENARTH 'C' 2, SWANSEA CITY 'C' 3
Despite their best endeavours, the 'C-Siders' were unable to make it four wins out of four for the club as they narrowly lost a fiercely-fought encounter with their Swansea City rivals.

The visitors hit the

ground running and took an early lead from a well-worked penalty corner and, despite the wake-up call, the Penarth side seemed lethargic and lacklustre, even when creating several clear chances on the break.

Buoyed by maintaining their clean sheet, Swansea went on to extend their lead by two further goals before the interval, leaving Penarth with a second half mountain to climb.

The second period, however, was a completely different affair, with the revitalised Penarth side forcing Swansea to defend deeper and deeper, with the ever-improving Rhys Meddins creating numerous chances that the excellent young Swansea 'keeper had to be at his very best to keep out.

Despite intense pressure and numerous opportunities, the home side could only score two goals - through Richard Cousins and Marc Sawyer - before time expired, and the final 3-2 result meant that Swansea leapfrog over the Bears into fourth place in De Cymru 3.

This Saturday sees all four Penarth sides in action once again, with the first XI beginning their Conference North celebrations against another illustrious hockey name as they host promotion-chasing Robinsons at Stanwell School (1.45pm start).

The second XI are on their travels once more with a late morning meeting with a tricky Swansea University side at King George V Field, leaving the thirds and fourths to stage the curtain-raiser at Stanwell as they play out their final derby encounter of the season (12 noon start).

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

When the regular season resumes, training will take place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d.stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

CL



Jordan Cotterill's free-kick was the difference as Barry Town United beat Cambrian and Clydach Vale 1-0 on Saturday. All pictures by SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

Twin wins put Barry into pole position for promotion push

BARRY TOWN UNITED took a priceless six points from their two home fixtures this week, as the club's quest for the Welsh League Division One championship continued at Jenner Park.

On Saturday, an open and competitive match with Cambrian and Clydach Vale remained goalless until forward Jordan Cotterill dispatched a fine free-kick, helping the Town to a precious 1-0 win.

Then, a Tuesday night crowd of 362 saw Barry defeat title challengers Haverfordwest County 2-0, with Louis Gerrard finishing off an intrepid individual run for their first, before showing sublime skill to set up TJ Nagi; the club's leading goalscorer heading home the decisive second.

Haverfordwest travelled to Jenner Park unbeaten in the league since October, but after losing out in a unique pre-match stand-off, the Bluebirds were unable to crack the Barry defence, with goalkeeper Mike Lewis helping himself to a third consecutive clean sheet.



Saturday's game was a hard-fought and close affair.

The pair of victories helped the Town move four points clear at the top of the division and served as a fitting tribute to beloved Barry supporter Noreen Sewell, who sadly passed away on Friday evening following a brave battle with cancer.

A familiar face at Jenner Park and games across the region, Barry Town paid its respects with a minute's silence before the Cambrian match, with a spokesperson commenting that Noreen was "a wonderful lady", reflecting the high esteem she was held in at the club.

This Saturday, Barry travel to Taffs Well in a 2.30pm kick-off, while third-placed Haverfordwest host bottom of the table Risca United and second-placed Goytre make the short trip to Monmouth Town.

With each of the top four sides having completed 22 fixtures, Barry's haul of 47 league points sees them stand four points clear of Goytre and six of Haverfordwest, with eight games left to play. AC

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

THE latest results for Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for week commencing February 27 are as follows:

First division: SV Gals (J Richards 30) 290, Bobby's Girls (S Snelson 30) 286; Pila Palas (M Barnett 35) 320, Family Affair (J Walden) 334; Family and Friends (T Norris 28) 237, Space Finders (J Snooks 25) 235; Baker's Dozen (E Baker, J Morgan, M Ellis 26) 276, Red Admiral (R Smith 28) 271; Barry Stars (C Lambeth 37) 358, Cigar Ladies (H Bigham 31) 324; Coppers (J Williams 32) 302, Allsorts (H James 31) 302; Special Angels (T Jones 26) 250, Colcot Ladies (B Heathfield 27) 244.

Second division: Castle Bandits (J McAndrew 29) 233, Castaways (G Drew 27) 258; Roller Coasters (P Thomas 21) 195, Fallen Angels (C Stephens, C Phillips 27) 228; Cad Con Fillies (G Clements 26) 236, Clickies (M Williams 22) 191; After Eights (D Goddard 34) 245, Breakaways (V Martin 30) 296; Witchill Widows (A Doel-Davies 33) 311, SV Lights (D Masterman, B Kenefick 32) 283;

Rhoose Starlights (S Turner, K Bryan 26) 262, Merry Makers (R Collins 26) 219; Witchill Weebies (M Smith 29) 272, Airways Angels (Sales, J Naish 31) 335.

Third division: Little Devils (J Jones 28) 248, Dolly Mixtures (P Brigham 26) 218; Vixens (T Curmick, K Thomas 29) 278, Witches (W Williams 31) 283; Rebels (S Dawkins 25) 220, La Belles (E Cordy 25) 264; Rugby Triers (D Shering, S Blackmoore 25) 233, Hill Billies (J Lomas 27) 229; Challengers (A Beale 39) 342, Etcetera (M Grasby 34) 303; Westenders (T Stait 24) 236, SV Ladies (G Davey 27) 197.

Fourth division: Nite Outers (L Newman, M Hudson, V McCoan 25) 215, Hell Raisers (C Hatcher 26) 211; Optimist (E Playle 26) 230, Witchill Wanderers (J Morrissey 27) 194; Off The Rails (S Doughty 30) 231, Persuaders (C Thomas 24) 238; Aristocats (C Chatwell 23) 206, Odd Bods (R Dutton 29) 174; Booby Birds (L Harris, A Lloyd 33) 296, Guardian Angels (D Ling 35) 284; Living On A Spare (D Townsend 35) 315, Socialites (R Hooper, J Holden 32) 321.

Games cancelled at Barry RFC

UNFORTUNATELY last Saturday's games had to be cancelled at Barry RFC due to ground conditions.

This means that with this weekend seeing the climax to the Six Nations, Barry's next fixture will be on Saturday, March 25 when the visitors to the Reservoir Field will be Abercynon. Kick off is at 2.30pm

Last week's Lottery saw two people match three of the four numbers which were 02, 10, 16 and 21 - this week's jackpot will be £4,010. Good luck!

AJ

Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

The ASRS and Dockers Cups took centre stage this weekend as the competitions reached the semi-final stage.

In the ASRS Cup Vale United's bid for the treble continued as they edged out St Athan 3-2 with an own goal, Dan Hanson and Alex Gregory sending the league leaders into the final.

They will play Cowbridge Town who went all the way to penalties against Rhoose, Town coming out victorious in the shoot out to go to Jenner Park on April 30.

In the Dockers Cup, Barry Saints demolished Island Marine B 6-1. David Evans bagged a hat trick including a 40 yard thunderbolt free kick, Joss Davies (2) Joey Matthews adding the others.

That set up a final that will please the neutrals, as league leaders Cadoxton Imps pipped Rhoose B 1-0.

The last outstanding Supporters cup quarter-final was also played with Pumas winning a thriller 4-3 against Cadoxton Athletic.

Only three league fixtures were

played this weekend. In Division One Barry Belgrade thumped Glenbrook a massive 11-1 to go eight points behind leaders Barry Athletic B with two games in hand.

In Division Two, Penarth Town B thrashed bottom side Pumas B 6-1. Morgan Hayman (2), Simon Fairhurst (2), Nathan Bousie and McCauley Winton scored the goals that send Town B to within three points of second and seven points of top.

Finally, BVFC got their first win in five league games as they were victorious away to St Athan B 3-1.

This week's games of the day see St Athan represent the Vale in the quarter-finals of the SWFA Intermediate Cup against Nelson Cavaliers.

In the league Rhoose host Vale United in a second vs first clash, Cogan vs Pumas and another top of the table clash as Cadoxton Imps play Barry Saints.

HD

Champion Lee gives talk on career so far



Picture by Liam Hartery.

LEE SELBY, IBF Featherweight world champion, was in his stride entertaining the audience on Friday, March 10, with co-speaker Enzo Maccarinelli, former WBO Cruiserweight champion, regaling stories of their illustrious boxing careers, as Nicky Piper and former Commonwealth light heavyweight champion interviewed them both.

The audience enjoyed their boxing tales in an event that also saw the auctioning of boxing memorabilia in aid of George Thomas Hospice Care in Cardiff of which Nicky is the fundraising manager - you can support this charity through the website

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Nicky-Piper>.

Bidding went well as the audience snapped up items such as a signed Mike Tyson photo and Frank Bruno glove, as well as a Jack Dempsey boxing glove and photo to name but a few!

Lee will be supporting a key charity, A Fighting Chance for Dean Francis, a UK champion boxer and family man who has been diagnosed with cancer with only a year to live. To support this cause please visit Lee's Twitter page, @leeselly126.

Lee is looking to take on Carl Frampton in his next big fight, hopefully on home soil in Cardiff, in a fight that could potentially be an incredible show between two of Britain's brightest boxing talents.

CHRISTINA HARTERY

Glamorgan look to new season for success...

WITH the combined talents of Colin Ingram and Chris Cooke again available Glamorgan should certainly improve on last season's poor championship performances and make an impact in one day cricket.

Ingram missed the entire championship season due to injury, while Cooke was also absent from mid-June onwards, though Ingram compensated with his outstanding form in one day competitions and was voted the T20 Blast player of the year.

The absence of Ingram and Cooke, allied to Jacques Rudolph's indifferent form throughout the summer, contributed to a meagre total of 34 batting points, while Glamorgan lost games by their inability to post substantial first innings total, and to chase moderate targets in the final innings.

There should be no shortage of runs this year, especially if Glamorgan's younger brigade can emulate the feats of last season, when they were given their opportunities due to the

absence of two senior batsmen.

Aneurin Donald (19), struck a remarkable 234 at Colwyn Bay, Kiran Carlson, a year younger, and Owen Morgan, scored maiden centuries while Lukas Carey, another Welsh born player took seven wickets on his championship debut. David Lloyd, from north Wales, scored the first two centuries of his career and excelled as an opener in one day cricket, and with Nick Sellman, also with two 100s as an opener and Will Bragg, a dependable No.3, there will be plenty of competition for batting place.

With such an array of young talent, no one would disagree with coach Robert Croft's assessment of last season as "disappointing but encouraging".

Glamorgan are poised to sign the South African seamer Marchant De Lange to complement the potent new ball attack of Michael Hogan and Timm Van Der Gugten, who, between them, bowled more than 950 overs in the championship last

season.

Van Der Gugten was voted the club's player of the year after taking 56 first class wickets and a further 19 in the T20 Blast, and is hopeful of being fit for the first championship game against Northamptonshire.

De Lange, who has played two games for South Africa and featured in the IPL, will strengthen the pace attack which should prosper through the combined talents of three experienced seamers, supplemented by Graham Wagg and Craig Meschede.

The club will host four Champions Trophy games, including a semi-final this summer, as well as a T20 encounter between England and South Africa.

The ground celebrates its 50th anniversary, while 20 years ago Matthew Maynard led the club to their third championship title.

Further success would be welcomed, especially by chief executive Hugh Morris, who captained the club and played in the 1977 team.

EDWARD BEVAN

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

COWBRIDGE'S Jeffrey Bird was delighted to see his nine-year-old bay gelding Repeat Business run out a convincing four lengths winner of the Men's Open race at the Curre & Llangibby Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases last Sunday.

Always in a handy position throughout, Repeat Business who is trained by Mr Bird's brother-in-law former leading rider Jonathan Tudor at Merthyr Mawr, was ridden by Richard Patrick who said: "Repeat Business has improved a lot since winning over the course last month and he did it very nicely." Mr Bird said: "I was very pleased with the way he ran and I will have to sit down with Jonathan to decide where we go next."

Repeat Business beat Sir Du Bearn who was ridden by James Bowen who had celebrated his 16th birthday earlier in the day by winning the opening members' race - his very first ride in a point-to-point - on Indian Leader trained by his brother Michael Bowen.

He later made it a day to really remember when winning the first division of the open maiden race on his brother's Deadly Move which won by three lengths from the pacemaker Blue Tinker partnered by Byron Moorcroft.

Six went to post for the Ladies' Open race and Ally Stirling on Mr and Mrs Williams

Rucker's 12-year-old Get It On drew away in the closing stages to beat the favourite recent course winner Hold Court ridden by Isabel Williams by three lengths with Tony Star ridden by Jodie Hughes a further 10 lengths in arrears.

Ally Sterling who was riding her first winner at Howick said: "It is a great pleasure to ride a winner in these famous colours." Ironically, Get It On used to be trained by Isabel Williams's father Evan Williams.

The Eight-Year-Old And Over PPORA Club Members Conditions Race went to the 10-year-old French-bred Qalinas who under Wayne Maskill led three fences from home to score by eight lengths from the blinkered Grove Field.

Owned by National Hunt trainer Dai Rees and Emma Noremac who was celebrating her birthday, Qalinas was bought for 32-year-old Wayne Maskill who rides out for Mr Rees.

Ten of the 20 entries lined up for the Restricted race and

Kevin Salter's Spencer Moon drew clear at the last to win by six lengths from recent course winner Manhattan Mead.

Spencer Moon, who is by Dr Massini and who is trained by Keiran Price, was the first leg of a double for the Vale's Byron Moorcroft, who also won the second division of the open maiden race on Tom Faulkner's Kensington Castle who survived two bad mistakes yet still won by three lengths from the North Ledbury horse Kings Watch.

Former rider Tom Faulkner, who admitted to having a nice bet on his promising six-year-old, was full of praise for former Welsh champion rider Nick Williams who has been training the horse for him on Ogmose sands.

He said Kensington Castle, whose only other racecourse experience was in a bumper, will probably now run under rules.

Both divisions of the maiden were ran in exactly the same time - seven minutes and five seconds.

FIVE OUT OF FIVE FOR EDWARD

Edward Vaughan, aged nine, and son of Aberthyn's Tim and Abbi Vaughan, made it five wins out of five when winning the 138cms and under open pony race at the Curre & Llangibby Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases last Sunday.

Riding his nine-year-old bay mare Hummel Mind, Edward showed the style his National Hunt trainer dad had when he finished ahead of Daniel Ellis, aged 12, who was riding Clear The Track. Elena Nikou, aged 13, riding her 12 year-old Dutchess finished third.

The 148cms and under pony race was won by Liam Harrison, aged 14, on Pacman who in a close finish beat Peateoah partnered by Bridgend's Connor Brace.

Hot Night, ridden by Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor, finished third. **COLORADO DOC** David Brace's Colorado Doc, ridden by Bradley Gibbs, landed the Intermediate race at the East Devon Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases last Saturday.

Colorado Doc, who is by the leading sire Dr Massini, had just two races last season and after winning first time out was a faller in the other race when going well.

Elysee shines for Welsh netball team (and is named player of the tournament)

ELYSEE HAYWARD of CTK netball club, and a Welsh under-17 netball international, was part of an outstanding squad performance to secure the silver medal place at the recent Netball Europe competition.

Held in Belfast last weekend, with an initial nail biting game against Scotland ending in a well earned draw 59-59, Wales next faced a sharp England squad who won 67-37.

However Wales regrouped and held their nerve against Northern Ireland, winning convincingly 46-37. Due to their superior goal difference compared to Scotland, Wales returned home silver medal holders.

In addition, Elysee's individual brilliance was recognized when she

was named player of the tournament.

It was a fantastic achievement and everyone at CTK, her home club, are extremely proud of not only her success, but also her hard work and dedication.

Elysee has played for CTK for eight years, at all age groups, and stepped into the adult world of netball aged only 13.

She is a regular member of CTK first team and plays for Cardiff High School and Cardiff and Vale County.

In 2014 Elysee was selected for Wales under-15s squad and has been in the under-17s squad for three seasons.

She is experienced beyond her years and has a bright future ahead of her, and we look forward to watching her progress through the Welsh performance pathway. Well done Elysee!

CW

Cowbridge RFC take the win in a real humdinger!

DESPITE their lowly league position, several of Old Penarthians matches this season have been close run affairs and last Saturday's encounter at the Athletic Field against Cowbridge RFC was no exception.

On a calm grey afternoon Cowbridge had a perfect start with an Alex Guard cross kick superbly chased by Tom James causing panic in the visitors defence as Guard collected the loose ball to sprint over for a try with just two minutes on the clock. Ben Wright converted.

Old Penarthians fought back into the Cowbridge 22 but a fine break by full back James saw Cowbridge within 20 metres of the try line.

Another loose ball was kicked through by prop Sam Richards for No.8 Dan Holder to collect and touch down for a second Cowbridge try.

Just as it seemed that Cowbridge were already running away with the game Old Pens recycled the ball several times in the Cowbridge half, finally spinning the ball out to their speedy left wing to sprint over.

This was soon followed by a penalty to bring the scores to 12-8.

However this proved to be a brief respite for the visitors as the Cowbridge pack started to make wear down the opposing pack with some fine bursts by hooker Craig Boxall.

With five minutes to half-time a great drive by Boxall from a lineout set up the ball for scrum-half Hywel Williams to bamboozle the defence with a dummy to cross for a third Cowbridge try.

It was now all minutes later.

Cowbridge and just on half time a flowing backs move culminated in an incisive break by centre Pat George, who sliced through for Cowbridge's fourth try and a bonus point.

The half-time score was: Cowbridge 22, Old Penarthians 8.

The Cowbridge faithful were now looking for a tryfest in the second half, and within five minutes another flowing backs move resulted in Tom James sprinting over for a fifth Cowbridge try; with Ben Wright providing the extras.

Somehow the floodgates didn't quite open for Cowbridge, and Old Pens were soon back on the scoreboard with a converted breakaway try, followed quickly by another converted try to bring the score to 29-22.

Cowbridge were now on the back foot and were punished with a bizarre yellow card.

However, with some resolute Cowbridge defence they managed to weather the storm and a penalty soon took Cowbridge up to the 22.

This was followed by the Old Pens picking up a yellow card and the ever-reliable boot of Ben Wright converting the penalty, followed by a second one a few

Still Old Pens were not finished and with seconds to go scored their fourth try which their impressive full back converted.

The final score WAS: Cowbridge 35, Old Penarthians 29.

Although Cowbridge never looked like losing, all credit to Old Pens for battling to the end.

Maybe a little complacency set in after the outstanding first half, with some great rugby, but it was still another important bonus point victory.

Cowbridge are now in fifth place with 41 points and with seven games still to play will be looking to move up the table over the next few weeks.

This Saturday, there is a possibility we might be home against Watstown (early kick-off), in a game rearranged from a few weeks ago - contact the club on Thursday for confirmation.

There is plenty of rugby on show at the club with Scotland v Italy at 12.30pm, France v Wales at 2.45pm and Ireland v England at 5pm as the Six Nations draws to a close.

The following Saturday, we travel to Tonypre and on April 1, we are at home to Caerau Ely. **RV/RK**

BOOST FOR THE BARRY BEAVERS

RECENTLY, Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club received cash from Asda and the Community Chest, which was presented to the club recently.

It will help the club purchase new chairs for the chair hoist to help disabled swimmers in and out of the water during club sessions - and also for use at galas.

"The club would like to thank both Asda and Community Chest for their cheques as it is much appreciated and it'll help us greatly in the long run," a spokesperson said.

Nippers impress in Swansea!



THE Rhoose Lifeguard Nippers were up bright and early and headed for Wales National Pool Swansea for the Welsh Stillwaters last month.

Our team consisted of 54 nippers who all worked extremely hard in their individual races and as members of their teams.

Throughout the day there were some personal bests achieved, Welsh records broken and set, quite a few medals and many smiling faces.

Our fabulous medal winners on the day were: Ava Wong – 3rd Flipper race, 2nd Board race; Connie Millar – 1st Flipper race, 1st Manikin carry, 2nd Board race; Xantia Hobrough – 2nd Flipper race, 2nd Manikin carry; Evie Wong – 1st Flipper race, 2nd Board race; Elian Davies – 3rd Board race; Lena Davies – 3rd Board race; Ellie Bryan – 3rd Board race.

In the team events we also achieved gold in the girls 10 year Rescue Tube and Board Rescue, bronze in girls Medley Relay, 13 year Girls Board Rescue and 13

year Girls Board Relay. During the day a few members achieved Welsh records, which is an amazing achievement.

Those that achieved these records are: Connie Millar – Flippers and Manikin; Xantia Hobrough – Flippers. Welsh records were also broken by Xantia Hobrough – Manikin, Evie Wong – Board and the Girls Medley Relay team.

Those that were there will agree that one of the best events of the day was little Ryan Seldon doing his board event.

He had literally only ever been on a board

once or twice and not competed at a major championships before.

He struggled in parts but showed great determination finished the race with a massive smile and the biggest cheer of the day and then went on to play a critical role in the boys board relay event – well done Ryan.

A very big thank you to our amazing Nippers and of course, mums, dads and grandparents for all the support and cheering on during the day.

VW

BOWLS CLUB LOOKS TOWARD THE FUTURE

THE recent announcement of the partnership between Aero Bowls, a worldwide bowling brand, and Barry Athletic Bowling Club represents a symbolic first step in implementing a transformation plan to develop the club and the sport, by appealing to a wider audience, and the local community.

The new management committee at Barry Athletic are determined to peel back the misconceptions of bowls as a sport for older people.

At its top level, the sport of bowls can be competitive and Barry Athletic are no strangers to success at the top level of competition, having produced many excellent players and administrators that have gone on to represent the club on the international stage, and brought back many international titles and medals to Barry.

This year will see the introduction of an exciting range of new club wear in club colours, a new junior development programme supported by Sport Wales funding and links

with the local schools will provide opportunities for a new age group to take their first steps on the top quality green at Barry Island, and there are well-advanced plans to develop a bowls academy for the younger generation that will reach out across south Wales.

Investment in facilities at the club will not be overlooked either and the club will continue to offer its facilities to well-deserving groups such as the Barry War Veterans.

A new website and a modern social media

strategy will ensure that the club is visible and accessible to the digital world, and there are early plans to bring the world to Barry in the next couple of years, as the club bids to hold world championship qualifiers.

Commenting on the ambitious plans, Richard Bowen, club chairman, said: “We are determined to build on the club’s legacy with our ambitious plans. We all know that it will take hard work. We have made a positive start to that plan and I am sure that this first phase will give us greater

momentum to build incrementally over the next few seasons.”

The new season will begin in April and the club are delighted to welcome the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns MP, who will formally open the green on Saturday, April 15 for the new season.

On that day, the club will also be hosting an open day where everyone will be welcome to try out Aero Bowls’ products, and top players from across the UK will be in attendance too.

RB

Honours even for Dinas Powys ladies

IN the top of the table clash between Dinas Powys Ladies and Cwmbran Ladies honours were shared.

Both teams failed to test the goalkeepers enough in 90 minutes and it certainly wasn’t an entertaining match for the spectator.

Dinas struggled to get out of blocks throughout the match with a number of girls performing well below their usual standards.

Cwmbran looked a more organised team than the side that was blown away in the cup semi-final a few weeks ago.

Dinas were handed a few blows losing Samantha Saunders to what turned out to be a broken leg on 20 minutes and Laura Lewis with an ankle

injury. Nevertheless the Villagers kept scrapping for possession, but Cwmbran took the lead in the second half when a shot from just inside the box somehow went through Naïomi Wilson’s hands.

Dinas have a proud unbeaten record this season and always look dangerous at set pieces and Rachel Beare eventually made one count as her powerful header drew the teams level.

This was a well-earned point for the home side and showed that with a below-par performance they can still get results. Lady of the match was awarded to Rachel Beare.

The club wish Samantha Saunders a speedy recovery from a nasty injury.

LS

Island Marine under-6s' thank their sponsors



THE Island Marine would like to welcome their newest and youngest team members to the club.

For the past few months the young players have been working hard at developing their football

skills during training sessions at Maslin Park.

Coach and club chairman, Richard Belby had started the side back in April and has since established a full coaching team to take the players forward.

The club would also like to welcome coaches Jamie Bradbury, Daniel Lane, Andy James, Anthony Ferguson, Rhys Williams and already established coaches Aidy Millard and Lee Adams who bring a lot of experience and enthusiasm to the role.

The team have been enjoying a great start to football by entertaining the crowds, for the past few Sundays, with other under-6 sides in round robin matches at Jenner Park and loving every minute.

The team would like to thank Russell Pearce of Grove Autocare Ltd, a professional car valeting service for kindly sponsoring the kit.

Russell commented: "It's great to see young children being able to play sport and I'm glad we are able to give these young players the opportunity to do so."

"The Island Marine would like to extend a warm welcome to all the players, coaches, parents, grandparents and supporters and we hope you have a great experience in the blue and yellow of the Island Marine."

RC

NO

Bowls club to hold open days

THE members of Rhose Bowls Club are looking forward to the new season and will be holding open days on April 1 and 2.

There will be a warm welcome extended to all who wish to come along and try this fun and interesting sport.

The club has qualified coaches on hand to introduce you to the basics of the game - no equipment needed, just bring some flat shoes.

It is hoped that the weather will be fine and all can enjoy a fun two days.

Tea and coffee will be available and also a bar for those who wish to partake in something stronger! We look forward to seeing you all.

RC

NEWS FROM THE BARRY CHESS CLUB

ON two consecutive weeks the Camelots and Quarks had league matches scheduled for the same day.

As both teams draw their team from the same group of players this could have been expected to stretch our resources to the limit.

The first week saw the Camelots entertain the North Cardiff Cheats in Division 2 while the Quarks in Division 3 travelled to Bridgend to play the Bridgend C team.

Each of our 10 players involved that night played opponents who were rated above us so we did not expect too much.

The Camelots picked up wins from Sam Jukes, Tom Cooke and Chris Green and the night ended with a draw for Mark Cooke who managed to turn a piece advantage to a piece deficit and with time running out he forked his opponents remaining major piece, the rook and king to force a draw and earn a total of 3.5 points.

The Quarks picked up wins on the bottom three boards at Bridgend from Peter Watkins, John Ryles and Dave Mahoney.

The Bridgend team had an average rating of 1550 whereas the highest ranked Barry player was only 1493 so to win 3 - 2 was completely unexpected.

The following week the Camelots were again at home, this time against the promotion-chasing Cardiff Pawns.

The Pawns outranked us on three boards with another board evenly rated. Our ranks were strengthened by Matthew Davies on board 1.

Matthew managed a win together with Sam Jukes and Stephen Bonutto and Tom Cooke earned a draw to give us another 3.5-1.5 victory.

This was the seventh consecutive unbeaten match for the Camelots who sit in fifth place, some six points above the relegation zone.

We have a further five games to play including matches against the bottom four teams so we should retain our Division 2 status and finish in a very respectable position.

Not only were the Camelots at home but also were the Quarks, who played the Caerphilly Knights.

The Knights started the evening just above us in the league table. This should have been a close match as they outranked us on boards one, two and three only.

However John Stephenson, John Ryles and Peter Watkins all managed victory with Martin Ricketts chipping in with a draw, resulting in another 3.5-1.5 victory for Barry.

With four consecutive victories the Quarks sit in a surprising fourth position after the Penarth Piers picked up a penalty. There are only four more games to play so safety is within our grasp.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

Llantwit Major and District Darts League

THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season entered its 22nd week with the highlights being:

Gary Bohun 180, Steve Davie 180, Simon Greenfield 180, John Booth 114 out. Congratulations to the Shoes St Athan 'A' on inflicting the first defeat of the season on the Kings Head 'A1' in a closely fought 6-5 win.

The ladies semi-finals night takes place at the Rugby Club on Thursday, March 16 with the first match starting at 8pm.

Monday Night 'C' League table: Lamb and

Flag 'C1' 163, Shoes St Athan 144, Lamb and Flag 'C2' 141, Boverton Castle 140, Wenvoe Arms 134, Rugby Club 128, Kings Head 'C2' 122, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 103, Kings Head 'C1' 71, Tudor Tavern 'C1' 53.

Tuesday Night 'A' League table: Kings Head 'A1' 199, Wenvoe Arms 177, Fox and Hounds 149, Rugby Club 'A2' 142, Shoes St Athan 138, Golden Cups 136, Shoes Peterston 119, Lamb and Flag 110, Four Bells 109, Rugby Club 'A1' 96, Tudor Tavern 88, Kings Head 'A2' 83, Blacksmith Arms 79, Rugby Club 'A3' 69.

DMC

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons 7, Wyndham Cons 8, Rhose Social 9, Moors Boys 6, West End Runaways 4, West End Penarth Cons B 1.

League table: Liberals 147, Rhose Social 140, Moors Boys 138, Wyndham Cons 135, West End 126, West End Runaways 126, Cadoxton Cons 118.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rugby Club 2, Liberals C 5, Rhose Social A 1.5, Rhose Social B 5.5, Rhose Social C 2, Sea View B 3, Cambrian Flyers 1.5, Rhose Social 5.5, West End D 2, Slammers 5, Liberals A 6, Allsorts 1.

League table: West End D 81, West End C 80, Sea View B 75, King William XII 74.5, Allsorts 72.5, Rhose Social 72, Rugby Club 70, Rhose Social C 64.5.

Barries Boys 62, Rhose Social B 61.5, Slammers 59.5, Liberals C 55.5, Rhose Social A 53, Liberals A 46, Cambrian Flyers 46.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Rhose Social C 2, Rhose Social B 3, Services Social B 0.

Savoy A 5, Wyndham Cons A 3, Penarth Cons A 2, Harbour B 5, Cadoxton Cons B 0, Cadoxton Cons Z 4, Penarth Cons B 1.

League table: Harbour B 84, Savoy A 77, Cadoxton Cons Z 64, Wyndham Cons A 56, Cadoxton Cons B 50, West End C 45, Rhose Social B 45, Penarth Cons A 41, Penarth Cons B 32, Rhose Social C 31, Services Social B 30.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Sully Sports A 3, West End A 2, Liberators 1, West End B 4, Savoy B 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3, Market Street B 3, Wyndham Cons C 2, Wyndham Cons D 3, Harbour A 2.

League table: Liberators 67, Savoy B 65, Wyndham Cons C 65, Market Street B 59, Harbour A 57, Cadoxton Cons A 54, Market Street C 46, West End B 44, Wyndham Cons D 40, West End A 37, Sully Sports A 36 (* = points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, March 7 a full programme of league matches was played.

The Highwayman Inn managed to hold on to second place by beating the league leaders Edmondes B 5-4.

But they are now only on the same number of points as the Six Bells Inn who beat the Hairy Farmers 6-3.

In the pack chasing these two teams, Llanharry beat the Farmers Arms 8-1 and the Edmondes C beat the Red Lion by the same score, but the Edmondes A lost 3-6 to the Victoria Inn.

This week Ashley Kelland (Highwayman Inn) became the 15th player to join the '100 and over-out' club when he hit a 100-out.

Steve Davey became the second player from the Victoria Inn to hit a 180 maximum score.

Other notable individual performances this week were John Izzard's 91-out, Sally McCaver's 80-out (both from the Hairy Farmers).

Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for March 7:

1st Mike Best & Sean Macdougall 68.06%, =2nd Dave Thomas & Tom Kendrick 54.86%, =2nd Jane Brook & Noelle Bond 54.86%, Mike Best and Sean Macdougall also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address. DR

BARRY TYRE CENTRE LTD

A family owned business serving Barry for nearly 40 years

TRAVEL FURTHER WITH MICHELIN*



Buy 2 or more Michelin tyres and receive a fuel card worth up to £75* Terms & Conditions apply

TYRE SIZE	13" TO 16"	17" AND 18"	19" AND ABOVE
NUMBER OF TYRES PURCHASED	2	3	4
FUEL GIFT CARD CLAIM VALUE	£10	£25	£50

Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HU. 01446 745888

Open: Mon - Fri 8.30am - 5.30pm. Saturday 8.30am - 3pm.

Lower Guthrie Street, Barry CF63 4PS. 01446 737447

Open: Mon - Fri 8.30am - 5.30pm. Saturday 8.30am - 1pm.

www.barrytyreautocentre.co.uk

All major credit cards accepted



GARY WATSON MOTOR CO.

A SUPERB SELECTION OF CARS
TO SUIT YOU...**10 PEUGEOT Rcz 1.6 (156) GT**In blue with grey leather,
34,000 miles
£9,495**12 MINI Cooper 1.6**In white silver with
black roof, 23,000 miles
Reduced to £7,995**59 MERCEDES C180 CGI Blue-Efficiency SE Auto**In palladium silver, 38,000
miles, bluetooth, p/s etc
Reduced to £8,995**60 MERCEDES C180 Sport Auto**In white, 36,000 miles,
superb example at
£10,995**61 SKODA Yeti 2.0 Diesel SE+TDI 4x4**In pacific blue, 77,000 miles,
1 owner
£8,995**53 BENTLEY Arnage 6.8 Twin Turbo R Auto**
In peacock blue with cream hide, 50,000 miles
from new, luxury motoring at**£29,995****11 RANGE ROVER 4.4 TDV8 Vogue Auto** In met
grey with black leather trim, 84,000 miles**£21,995****10 RANGE ROVER Sport 3.6 TDV8 HSE Auto**
In bali blue with black leather, 60,000 miles,
high spec**£19,995****61 FORD S-Max Titanium X 2.2 TDCi Sport** In midnight
sky, 26,000 miles, **7 seater diesel**
REDUCED TO £16,495**63 VOLKSWAGEN Tiguan 2.0 TDI Match Auto 4x4** In
silver, 39,000 mile **diesel****£14,995****96 JAGUAR XK8 Automatic** In met-green with cream leather,
only 23,000 miles from new, superb example**£14,995****59 BMW Z4 5 Drive 35i Auto** In met-grey with leather
trim, 59,000 mile convertible at**£13,995****13 VOLKSWAGEN Passat CC Blue Motion-Tech 2.0 TDI Automatic** In black, only 19,000 miles, superb
example at**REDUCED TO £12,995****60 MERCEDES C180 Sport Auto** In white, 36,000 miles,
superb example at**£10,995****10 LANDROVER Freelander HSE TD4 2.2 E** In silver
with black leather, sat-nav, pan-roof**£9,995****14 VAUXHALL Insignia 1.8 SRI 5-Dr** In met silver,
30,000 mile family hatch**£9,495****64 PEUGEOT 2008 EVTi 1.2 Active Automatic** In
silver, 22,000 miles**£9,495****10 PEUGEOT Rcz 1.6 (156) GT** In blue with grey
leather, 34,000 miles**£9,495****14 FORD B-Max 1.0 Titanium** In blazer blue, 18,000
miles, under ford warranty**REDUCED TO £8,995****62 RENAULT Grand Scenic 1.5 DCi Dynamique** In met
burgundy, 46,000 mile **diesel 7-seater****£8,995****61 SKODA Yeti 2.0 Diesel SE+TDI 4x4** In pacific blue,
77,000 miles, 1 owner**£8,995****59 MERCEDES C180 CGI Blue Efficiency SE Auto**
In palladium silver, only 38,000 miles, bluetooth,
parking sensor etc. **REDUCED BY £500 TO £8,995****65 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 Limited Edition 3-Dr** In red
with black roof, 13,905 miles, 1 owner**£8,695****15 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 TechLine 5-Dr** In black,
26,000 mile family hatch**£8,495****63 NISSAN Juke 1.6 Vis** In white, low mileage local
example at**£8,495****62 VOLKSWAGEN Jetta 1.6 Diesel Automatic**
Blue Motion SE In met-grey, 55,000 miles,
1 owner**£8,495****11 NISSAN Qashqai 1.5 DCi Accenta** In met-burgundy,
47,000 miles, **diesel 7-seater****£8,495****10 FORD S-Max 2.0 TDCi Zetec Automatic** In black,
68,000 miles, **diesel 7-seater****£8,495****14 RENAULT Clio 1.5 DCi Dynamique Media Nav**
5-Dr In silver, 39,000 miles, free road tax**REDUCED TO £7,995****13 MINI One 1.6** In red, 31,000 miles, 1 owner with
alloys, climate, pepper pack**£7,995****62 FORD Mondeo 2.0 TDCi Zetec 140 5-Dr** In silver,
53,000 miles, **diesel hatch****£7,995****62 CITROEN DS3 D Sport Plus 1.6 THP** In white with
black roof, 48,000 miles, full leather trim**£7,995****12 MINI Cooper 1.6** In white silver with black roof, 23,000
miles. **REDUCED BY £1000 TO £7,995****12 VAUXHALL Insignia 2.0 CDTi Exclusive Diesel**
Estate In silver, 43,000 miles**£7,995****09 MAZDA MX5 1.8i Roadster Coupe** In true red,
48,000 miles, solid roof convertible**£7,995****57 MERCEDES SLK 200 Auto** In silver with red
leather, 72,000 miles, convertible**£7,995****15 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 3-Dr** In red, 12,000 miles,
under Ford warranty**£7,695****13 PEUGEOT 3008 Aless HDi 5-Dr** In met red,
29,000 miles**£7,695****14 VAUXHALL Adam Glam 1.4** In very berry with
cream roof, 25,000 miles, 1 owner, bluetooth,
pan roof etc**£7,595****15 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 SRI Ecoflex 3-Dr** In black,
23,000 miles**£7,495****64 SUZUKI Swift 1.2 SZL 3-Dr** In black with white
roof, 19,000 miles, 1 owner**£7,495****63 CITROEN DS3 1.6 HDi Style-E** In encre met with white
roof, 52,000 mile **diesel hatch**, free road tax**£7,495****10 SKODA Yeti 1.2 TSI SE** In aqua blue, 46,000
miles**REDUCED BY £500 TO £7,495****08 BMW 320i M-Sport Coupe** In silver, 70,000 miles
with alloys a/c etc**£7,495****63 RENAULT Megane 1.5 Diesel Coupe 'Knight Edition'** 40,000 miles, free road tax**£6,995****63 FORD Fiesta 1.5 TDCi Zetec 3-Dr** In black,
56,000 miles, 1 owner, free road tax**£6,995****62 SKODA Octavia 1.6 TDI SE Auto Estate** In silver,
70,000 mile **diesel** at**£6,995****61 FORD C-max 1.6 TDCi Titanium** In silver, 69,000
miles, **diesel** practical hatch**£6,995****60 PEUGEOT 5008 Sport 1.6 Diesel 7-Seater** In
met-grey, 58,000 miles**£6,995****11 VOLKSWAGEN Golf 1.6 TDI Bluemotion 5-Dr** In
silver, 76,000 miles, **diesel** at**£6,495****07 NISSAN X-trail 2.0 Diesel Avent T2** In black, 90,000
miles, full leather**£6,495****64 PEUGEOT 108 Active 3-Dr** In red, 23,000 miles, 1
owner, free road tax**£6,295****62 SKODA Rapid SE TSI 5-Dr** In white, 59,958 miles,
very nice example at**£5,995****61 CITROEN DS3 1.6 HDi Style** In white with black
roof, 73,000 miles, **diesel**, free road tax**£5,995****08 JAGUAR X-Type 2.2 Diesel 'S' Auto** In black,
54,000 miles, full leather etc**£5,995****11 CITROEN C3 Picasso 1.6 HDi Exclusive** In met-
grey, 63,000 miles, **diesel****£5,695****10 VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.6 TDCi SE 5-Dr** In met
blue, 74,000 miles, **diesel hatch****£5,495****54 VOLVO XC90 D5 2.3 SE AWD Auto** In silver with
black leather, **diesel**, 7 seater 4x4**£5,495****11 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 SE 5-Dr** In met grey,
41,000 miles with air-con etc**£4,995****61 RENAULT Clio 1.6 GT Line VVTi Automatic** In
blue, 16,000 miles, with sat-nav**REDUCED BY £500 TO £4,995****60 HONDA Civic 1.4 'Type S'** In red, 88,000 miles
good looking car for**£4,995****60 FORD Focus 1.6 Zetec 5-Dr** In silver, 47,000
miles family hatch**£4,995****10 FORD Focus 1.6 Titanium 5-Dr** In silver, 56,000
miles, high spec family hatch at**£4,995****09 VAUXHALL Insignia 2.0 CDTi (130) SE 5-Dr** In
silver, 83,000 miles, **diesel hatch****£4,995****12 TOYOTA Aygo VVTi Go 5-Dr** In red, 23,000 miles, one
owner with sat-nav**£4,695****11 MAZDA 2 Sport 1.5 5-Dr** In spirited green, 74,000
miles, very nice throughout**REDUCED BY £300 TO £4,695****58 VOLKSWAGEN Golf 1.9 TDi (105) 5-Dr Match** In
met grey, 70,000 miles, **diesel****£4,695****58 VOLKSWAGEN Passat 2.0 HDi Sport** In black,
85,000 miles, very nice **diesel** at**£4,695****57 MINI Cooper 1.6 Chilli** In white/black roof, 50,000
miles, one owner**£4,695****60 VAUXHALL Astra 1.7 Diesel Exclusive 5-Dr** In
silver, 81,000 miles**£4,495****59 SKODA Fabia '3' Automatic 1.6 5-Dr** In met blue,
50,000 miles**£4,295****08 VOLKSWAGEN Eos 2.0 Convertable** In black,
79,000 miles, 4 seater with solid roof**£4,295****60 HYUNDAI i20 Comfort 1.4 5-Dr** In met-grey,
62,000 miles, low insurance**£3,995****60 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.0 Ecoflex Energy 3-Dr** In
red, 52,000 miles, one owner**£3,995****60 CITROEN C1 VTR+ 5-Dr** In red, 46,000 miles, low
insurance and road tax**£3,995****59 MAZDA 3 Sport 2.0 5-dr** In black, sat-nav a/c etc,
fantastic value**£3,995****09 SEAT Ibiza 1.2S 3-Dr** In nayara blue, 55,000
miles, low insurance**£3,995****59 FIAT 500 1.2 Lounge** In yellow, 76,000 miles,
glass roof, alloys**£3,995****56 MINI One Convertable** In silver, 85,000 miles with
pepper pack, a/c, heated seats etc**£3,995****11 RENAULT Clio 1.5 Diesel Expression 3-Dr** In
met-blue, 53,000 miles, £20 road tax**£3,695****10 HYUNDAI i10 Comfort 1.2 5-Dr** In silver, 57,000
miles, £30 road tax**£3,495****06 SAAB 93 Linear 2.0 Convertable (150)** In black
with cream leather, 66,000 miles**£3,495****59 FORD KA 1.2 Style (New shape)** In lime, 44,000
miles, £30 road tax**£3,295****60 SKODA Octavia 2.0 FSi Elegance Estate** In met
grey, 62,000 miles, 1 owner**£3,295****57 RENAULT Megane 1.5 DCi Dynamique 5-Dr** In
silver, 49,000 miles, **diesel hatch****£2,695****62 CITROEN DS3 D Sport Plus 1.6 THP**In white with black roof, 48,000
miles, full leather trim
£7,995**59 BMW Z4 5 Drive 35i Auto**In met grey with leather trim,
59,000 mile convertible at
£13,995**10 RANGE ROVER Sport 3.6 TDV8 HSE Auto**In bali blue with black leather,
60,000 miles, high spec
£19,995**62 VOLKSWAGEN Jetta 1.6 Diesel Auto Blue Motion SE**In met grey, 55,000 miles, 1 owner
£8,495**09 MAZDA MX5 1.8i Roadster Coupe**In true red, 48,000 miles,
solid roof convertible
£7,995**ALL CARS SUPPLIED WITH NEW MOT AND 3 MONTHS RAC WARRANTY****JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE RANGE IN STOCK. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS.****FINANCE PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL • 0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE • ALL CARS HPI CLEAR • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME
OPEN 7 DAYS CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH • ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN****BROAD STREET, BARRY CF62 7AE (NEXT TO TRAIN STATION) 01446 722600****www.GARYWATSONMOTORCOMPANY.co.uk****MULTI PHOTOS FULL DESCRIPTION ON WEBSITE**



SIX NATIONS RUGBY

WALES 22 IRELAND 9



Escape from the RWC 'pool of death' but... Young Welsh wannabes may still have to wait their turn



Photos by
HUW EVANS
AGENCY.



THE WELSH TRY-SCORERS
ABOVE, Jamie Roberts came off the
replacements bench to seal the victory.

LEFT: George North shrugged off his dip
in form (and silenced his critics) with a
commanding two-try performance.



ABOVE:
Man-of-the-match Rhys Webb gets the ball away.
RIGHT:
Robert Howley enjoys a quiet moment of triumph.

BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John

LAST week, when the national media were almost unanimously writing off Welsh chances against title-hunting Ireland on Friday evening in Cardiff, this column concluded... 'Wales will run out as bookies' underdogs, but that is a mantle they don easily; and this talented squad know that if they can only remember how good they are, and replicate the wonderfully-committed display that almost undid England, victory is well within their grasp.'

As it turned out, they did... and it was! For the pendulum that is Welsh rugby had suddenly swung again and the same team that had collapsed so abjectly in that humiliating second half debacle at Murrayfield two weeks earlier, suddenly got their mojo back with a stunning 22-9 triumph over the heavily-tipped men in green at the Principality Stadium.

Just as the Welsh team that performed so dynamically against England had followed this up with a below-par, error-filled display in Edinburgh, so it was the turn of the pre-tournament joint favourites to demonstrate inconsistency with a similar spectacle for

their travelling fans in Cardiff.

It wrecked Ireland's dream of a championship-deciding RBS Six Nations showdown with England in Dublin this Saturday. But, importantly for the home camp, it avoided Wales plunging into yet another dreaded 'pool of death' in the forthcoming draw for the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan, by clinging on to a top-eight world ranking.

Instead, after England's 61-21 rout of the shell-shocked Scots, it is the Irish – who alone can halt the men in white's seemingly unstoppable march to a historic back-to-back Grand Slam – that will be most concerned with redefining their global status in the final clash of the tournament at the Aviva stadium.

Certainly, that sobering Twickenham scoreline will have given the Welsh and Irish camps serious cause for reflection, having both suffered defeat at the hands of the Scots (29-13 and 27-22 respectively); with English pundits claiming there is now a yawning gap between Eddie Jones' men and the rest – something the proud Irish, who can point to a recent win over the All Blacks, have one last chance to refute before the tournament ends this weekend.

As for the Welsh camp, of course, the celebrations and palpable sense of relief, epitomised by the coaches' group hug in the stadium as the final whistle blew on a well-deserved victory, would have been tempered by the knowledge that despite the vastly-improved display after the Scotland no-show, and though absolutely critical in terms of RWC rankings, it was far from being the complete error-free performance they are striving for.

Within five minutes of the kick-off, they were three points behind after conceding a penalty to the waiting boot of outside half Johnny Sexton, and almost immediately, could have gone further behind to the first of three near-interceptions of opposite number Dan Biggar's flat passes as Wales, to their credit, sought to move the ball in a fast and furious first quarter of bone-crunching tackles on both sides, that saw Sexton leave the field injured to be temporarily replaced by Paddy Jackson.

Fired up Wales immediately took advantage of his absence and the green defence was suddenly stretched wide by a crossfield move that saw a happily back-to-form George North go over in the corner for a try which full back Leigh Halfpenny, who was to have a day of mixed fortunes, failed to convert.

The visitors were immediately stung into attack and the resulting pressure told when Wales conceded another penalty, which Jackson lofted over, before making way for the returning Sexton.

Then it was Ireland's turn to desperately defend their try line, as centre Jonathan Davies was pulled down inches short; and Sexton having to leave the field for a second time, metaphorically clutching a yellow card. Halfpenny kicked the simple penalty from in front of the posts, to give Wales an 8-6 lead at halftime.

With Sexton still in the 'sin bin', it took Wales just three minutes to extend this to 15-6 with a second touchdown by North, converted by Halfpenny, and hostilities were then renewed with a vengeance, the tenacious Welsh defence being tested to the utmost,

relieved only by Irish failings in execution, but finally conceding a controversial penalty by Sexton, now returned to the fray, as both sides' replacements waded into the action.

An eventful last quarter saw a drop goal attempt by Biggar hit an upright and a clearance kick almost charged down – and was marked by resolute Welsh defence in the face of increasingly desperate Irish attacks as time began to run out.

Ireland were thwarted by an unforced error just when it seemed the forwards were about to drive over the line, threatening all too familiar last-gasp heartbreak for Welsh players who had given their all.

Happily, though, on this occasion it was not to be, as replacement centre Jamie Roberts snapped up a charge-down and sealed the victory by muscling over at the posts.

Halfpenny slotted over the simple conversion to make the final score 22-9 and relieve pressure on caretaker Robert Howley and his fellow coaches, who had gambled on an unchanged starting line-up, despite clarion calls from all sides to ring the changes.

The question then was, would he say a wary 'same again' against the unpredictable French in Paris on Saturday – or succumb to the critics' calls and take his final Six Nations' opportunity to test other young Welsh wannabes waiting in the wings?

Or, true to form, would he go for safety first, knowing that despite the heartening win, there is still much to put right – and continue to view making changes as too much of a gamble – when this up and down Six Nations tournament has again underlined that Wales are still well short of achieving the ultimate goal – consistency!



4 Ball Offer!

Ask about our Golf membership Offers!

FROM
£60

01446 781781
WWW.COTTRELLPARK.COM
ST. NICHOLAS, CARDIFF
VALE OF GLAMORGAN CF5 6SJ

Winner of The Welsh Golf
Club of the Year Award 2015

SUMMER GREENS • SUMMER TEES • SUMMER FAIRWAYS